

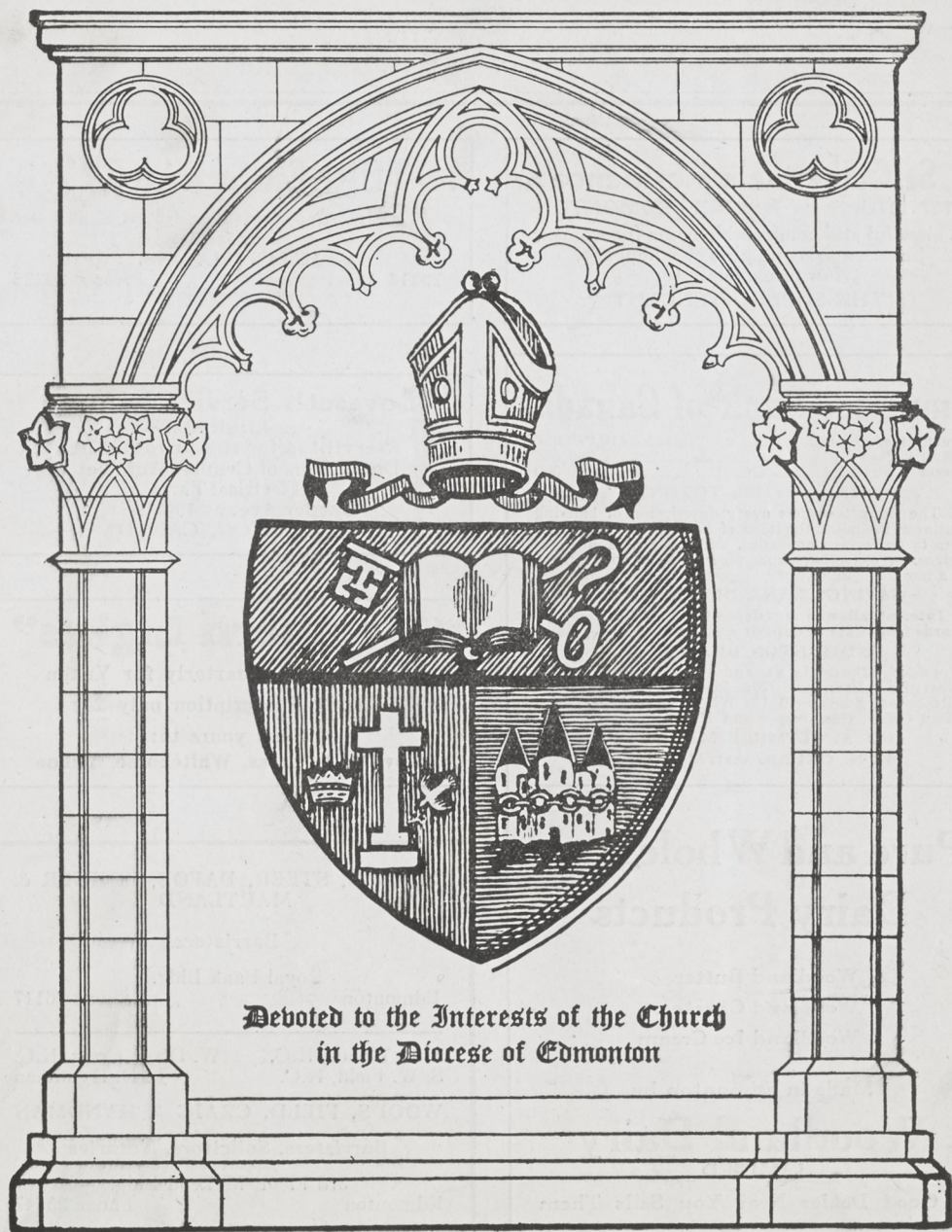
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Editorial

GENUINE RELIGION

THE ancient summons to the people of God has come home to us with a new depth of meaning this year. "Come, My people, enter thou into thine inner chambers and shut thy doors about thee, hide thyself as it were for a little moment until this indignation be overpast."

In the discipline of Lent is to be found the test of the Church's faith. Keeping Lent is something more than an exercise of individual piety. It is one of those activities through which the Church as a body is sustained with spiritual strength from above, for the Church is a body sensitive in all its parts. Clergy frequently make the mistake of thinking that so long as the regular services are held they are exempt from any other discipline. No one needs the Lenten discipline more than the individual parish priest.

If we were compelled to judge by the numbers who attend the Lenten services we should be forced to the conclusion that the Church is weak spiritually. And indeed it is. The fatal characteristic of the Church in the West is its over emphasis on Sunday Religion. To keep the Sabbath Day holy and to maintain that high converse with heaven for one day is about the limit of our endurance. We neither know how to pray unceasingly nor how to revive ourselves from fainting by the wayside.

It is quite true that assiduous attendance at Church cannot be considered as a safe criterion of the strength of one's religion. It may be and often is a distressing sign of too great a preoccupation with the minutiae of religious observance. It is also true that frequent church services do not indicate a deeper spirituality in the life of a parish. It may result in the growth of the idea that all that is involved in Christianity is obtained in the sequestered intercourse between pew, pulpit and altar. It may even induce in the parish priest that horrible form of neutrality exhibited by the priest in the story of the Man who fell among Thieves.

But when such concessions have been made to those who are inclined to scoff at the Church's insistence on regular attendance, and at its wisdom in ordering daily services, it still remains that attendance at Divine Worship with its accompaniment, the offering of one's substance as part of that "living, holy and reasonable sacrifice" are the two safest standards of the genuineness of a man's religion.

Attendance at Lenten services give point to the saying that God works through the minorities. It is enormously important to remember it is better to stain one or two people's souls indelibly with true religion than to spread a thin polish of sanctity over the crowd.

That type of thought called Protestantism, nurtured as it has been in an Industrial Age in which success, wealth, individualism and independence have been accounted heavenly virtues, has honored the doctrine of Salvation by Faith with its lips, but has immediately proceeded to seek Salvation through Works. We know now that it is more important to Be than to Do. It is not possible to maintain a high standard of morality or to sustain a perpetual programme of good works without a constant return to the source of all goodness for replenishment of spiritual power.

Every parish priest knows that in a time of crisis the person he would look to for support is the one who has constantly received the sacrament from his hands.

He knows too well that only those who are disciplined in spiritual things can stand the strain, only those who have by constant habit of thought and will offered themselves and all they have to God can make the sacrifice when it is demanded.

The Church in the Diocese of Edmonton lacks spiritual power. A large body of its adherents have no staying power. They have exhausted themselves of spiritual drive very quickly because they have so little reserve. But empty vacuum flasks are no use. They need filling.

The clamor for new ways and new things to attract people back is the criticism of excuse. Our Lord said nothing about the old wine being valueless. Indeed we are learning that the old wine which has been kept for nineteen centuries has a bouquet too rare and a potency too strong for our vitiated tastes.

After we have criticised the clergy to our hearts content, after we have refused to go to church because other sinners and hypocrites go, and after we have decided that we can do more good elsewhere, it still remains true that the test of the genuineness of our religion is to be constantly looking through the veil at that dear strong face and to hear in all the clamor of other interest that voice asking the question "Lovest thou me more than these?"

G. P. GOWER.

The Page Pulpit

Two Betrayals

Peter remembered the word of the Lord how He said unto him: "Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice."

"Judas which also betrayed Him"—the Crucifixion of Jesus.

Nothing brings greater bitterness of heart to any man than to know that he has been betrayed by one in whom he has placed confidence and love. Nothing destroys so quickly that faculty of trust with which we are endowed as to have the one in whom we trusted fail us in the hour of need.

The iron of betrayal enters deeper into our souls than any other thrust that life can bring.

And yet our Lord was betrayed twice. As in all other things, so in this, He was tested, just as we are and so perhaps we can with some profit to ourselves think for a moment of this bitter thing and see how, even in this, He came through that test with love unscathed.

Twice He was betrayed. Once in a garden and once in a judgment hall. Once into the hands of wicked men by Judas who came out of the dark shadows to betray his Master with a kiss. Once by Peter who was afraid to answer the question of a girl who recognized him.

These two traitors have been placed in totally different classes although I do not think our human judgment on them is altogether what it should be. Judas we think of as a creature of darkness, lurking like some monster incarnate, ready to pounce. We think of him as outside the pale of ordinary human defection, as a symbol of wickedness unredeemable, of incarnate evil rather than a man of flesh and blood.

Peter on the other hand, because of his frank admissions and his more open nature, which made him the creature of impulse and whim and a little lacking in judgment, is mostly regarded as a type of man who errs not so much from intention as from weakness. We like to think of him as being very human and very much like ourselves. He is cast, we say, in the same mould as ourselves, and perhaps in this conclusion there is a little excuse for the same defection and the same denials of our faith which mar our witness from time to time.

But Jesus chose Judas as well as Peter. This should be enough to prevent us rejecting Judas altogether. Indeed Judas had fine characteristics which seem to be somewhat pitifully lacking in Peter. Judas had the deeper nature and one look into his mind would be enough to see the terrible destruction which remorse wrought in what was once a fine sensitive soul.

He was a man who concentrated all his fiercely intense energies on the achievement he saw before him and like all intense natures began to suffer deterioration when his ideal was, as he thought, smashed. At that point Satan entered his heart to take possession and from that time on all Judas' actions were those of a man under the dominion of evil. The sin which lay at the door of his heart ready to pounce, leaped in tearing to pieces with cruel anguish a delicately poised mind. It was in that frightful distortion that there appeared in vivid relief something which until now had been kept more or less in the background. The weakness that had waited for such a moment as this revealed itself. Cupidity and love of power took command. The thirty pieces of silver were

but an incident—a salvage from the wreck of his hopes. They are but the concrete evidence of the duplicity of motive which had governed Judas in all his actions even though at first he was not aware of it. I think Jesus knew it was there and called him with full knowledge of the risk he was taking.

You know the end of the story. Coming to himself he found he hated nothing and no one but himself. He saw himself unable to appeal either to God or man. Over his soul was the storm and gloom which he felt nothing could dispel. He took—not a coward's way out—Oh! no, no one can accuse Judas of being a coward; he took the drug called death to quieten the unbearable pain of conscience. His tragedy was not in his suicide but in the belief that there was no remission of his sin.

When I read this story I always find myself hoping that Judas—thief, traitor, suicide, and decide—found mercy on the other side of the grave. For what he was may God forgive him. Christ died for all and I think that included Judas as well as you and me.

And what of the other traitor, Peter. Peter was what Judas never had been—a coward. He is the supreme example of good intentions without the courage to carry them out. He almost shouted, "I won't deny you; I'll die first," and then when he had the chance to prove it, a girl put him off his stride, his bluster and his swagger, and we find him slinking out into the porch. Still fascinated and probably still wanting to make good his word he hung around until he was accosted again. This time he began to curse and to swear—the true sign of a man not in command of the situation. And then—the cock crew. Peter heard it. Our Lord heard it; and they looked at each other. What Peter saw in that look drained from him all the last vestiges of his manhood. He broke down and wept bitterly. He knew he had betrayed his Lord and Master and that the look revealed to him just what stuff he was made of. The realization was pretty painful and remorse swept over him.

"Peter the Rock?—no, Peter but common stone Which I at last must break my heart upon."

But Peter didn't commit suicide. We find him later boldly challenging the rulers of Jerusalem and pleasing God not men. What changed Peter from a vainglorious coward to the courageous martyr? Two reasons, I think. Peter's character was in some respects more open to influences. He had a friendliness and a companionableness which was lacking in Judas. Men who have no men friends are often a prey to intense preoccupations which prevent them being congenial and malleable. Peter's faculty of attachment is warmer than Judas' overweening ambition. The man who is affectionate has little to fear.

The second reason is that Peter was privileged to see Jesus' judgment in the look He gave him and there he saw a hope. It was hopelessness which drove Judas to the Potter's Field. You will remember the words of Queen Guinevere who had betrayed her husband the King. He came to say farewell, prophesying he would never see her more.

"Gone! My Lord!"

Gone thro' my sin. . . .

And he forgave me, and I could not speak.

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Farewell! I should have answered his farewell.
His mercy choked me."
"Blessed be the King who hath forgiven me
My wickedness to Him and left me hope:

That in mine own heart I can live down sin."
Peter the traitor saw that which Judas never thought he would be allowed to see had Jesus looked on him. Peter saw forgiveness and hope, and Peter was saved from suicide through hope. Here we are at the very heart of the old, old Story. Always forgiveness, always hope.

Had Jesus thought men were fit only to put a halter round their own necks He would never have come to save them. He does not espouse lost causes. The truth of the old evangelical mission hymn is true for all time.

"There is Life in a Look."

Believe this: "He never mocks, for mockery is the fume of little hearts."



THE REV. CANON C. F. A. CLOUGH

The Rev. Canon C. F. A. Clough who has been appointed Chaplain to the Edmonton Garrison, and holds the rank of Captain.

Bishop's Engagements

- March 3rd—Dedication Service, Church of the Good Shepherd.
- March 6th—W.A. Annual; Preach, Celebrate and Speak at Bishop's Hour.
- March 7th—Attend Social Hour W.A. and Reception.
- March 8th—Private Confirmation, Mission Chapel.
- March 10th—Confirmation, St. Mark's.
- Dedication Service, St. Mary's.
- March 17th—Confirmation Holy Trinity Church.
- March 24th—Easter Day, Celebration at Pro-Cathedral, Preach at Pro-Cathedral.

On the Editor's Table

Congratulations

On the Editor's table—a baby. No! not quite that but news about one. Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Faulks of Clandonald on the birth of a son. We have celebrated the event by putting a whole page of photographs of Church expansion in the Clandonald Mission in the Diocesan Annual Magazine. We regret we couldn't include the latest bit of expansion which has taken place in the Vicar's own household.

Diocesan Annual Magazine

The companion publication to the Church Messenger, the Diocesan Annual Magazine is now on sale at the modest price of 15 cents. It is forty-four page magazine of interesting information, articles and photographs of the Church's work in the Diocese. Every Church Messenger reader should have one. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your purchase will assist the finances of the C.M. and we prophesy you won't be disappointed on the value you get for your money. Ask your Rector for a copy.

The Western Clergy Relief Fund

The Diocese has been asked to raise \$500 as its share of the \$50,000 required to help the clergy living in the distressed areas.

It has been pointed out that a missionary who serves the average mission of four points incurs travelling expense of not less than \$35 per month and in some cases as much as \$55 per month. The parson gets no pay for his visit like the doctor or the travelling salesman or the school inspector. His stipend in most cases between \$60 and \$85 per month. He is a Social Service Agency doing many unheard of and often expensive acts of charity. He lives and works for his people and in the drought areas had it not been for the country parson who stayed on the job the church would have gone out of existence. He is deserving of every help the more fortunate church people can give him.

The amount asked of Edmonton is a paltry sum and it would be a disgrace if we failed to raise it. If every communicant in the Diocese gave 10c as an act of self-denial this Lent the sum is assured. If the Church cannot do this as its "Second Mile" it isn't worthy of the name of a Church.

"Let us do good unto all men and especially unto them that are of the household of faith."

Diocesan News

D.B.R.E. ANNUAL PUPILS' EXAMINATIONS

The Clergy, Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers are reminded of the examinations on the G.B.R.E. Courses. This year the examinations will be held on Saturday, May 4th, and it is the hope of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education that a large number of our pupils will be able to take part. Excellent Certificates are awarded to all successful pupils, and there are special awards for outstanding scholars.

Further particulars will be sent within the course of the next few weeks to all Clergy. It is possible that some teachers will wish to avail themselves of the next two months in order to give the scholars a review of the lessons which have been taught.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Rev. W. M. Nainby, Ponoka, or from the Secretary of the D.B.R.E. at the Synod Office, 11717 93rd Street, Edmonton.

CANADIAN CHURCH UNION

Compline was said in the Chapel at St. Stephen's Church, 8 p.m., February 19th.

Afterwards a fine attendance of members listened to an interesting address by Miss Camp on the activities of "The Sunday School by Post," also the "Church Vacation School" and its four aims of Worship, Fellowship, Study and Service.

Photographs showing this work in the sparsely settled parts of our Diocese aided in giving a better idea of its value and brought out a lively discussion.

Sincere thanks was expressed to the speaker and meeting closed after tea had been served by Mrs. Matthews.

DIOCESAN A.Y.P.A.

Readers of the Church Messenger are requested to take note of the following information regarding the A.Y.P.A. Diocesan Executive:

President, Mr. Hugh Reeves, 7913 112th Ave., Edmonton; Vice-President, Mr. Archie Bowker, Millet, Alta.; Secretary, Miss Kay Croft, 11221 85th St., Edmonton; Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Kimber, 10006 104th St., Edmonton.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

THE REV. A. M. TRENDALL

THE REV. L. D. BATCHELOR

There are two things that seem to me to be very important to the Christian as he faces another Holy Week, and though they are both easy to understand they are not so easy to carry out.

The first is to have a certain TRUST in Jesus Christ. He is the Saviour of the World, and in the midst of all the tragedy and chaos of our times He alone can lead humanity to peace and sanity. And He can save you as well. Save you from the burden of your sin. Save you from the worry, stress and strain of life and lift you to the point where you become radiant and happy. He wants to do this for you, and He will do it if you will only let Him. So will you try and trust Him more and more?

The second thing that is so important is that you should TRY. Endeavour to be a better person than you are. You know your own weakness. You know the points in which you are most apt to sin. Are you really trying to be better in these matters or are you just content to drift?

In this world where so many big things are taking place we are tempted to think that there is nothing we can do to help. May I pass on my own conviction, that if we all really trusted Christ and really tried to be more like Him we could change the whole face of modern history, and bring about that happy peaceful world which we so much desire.

I am certain that only as we trust and try shall we be able to share with Christ the joy that comes with Easter.

Throughout Lent we have been trying in our services to increase this spirit of trust in Jesus Christ, and to face bravely the matter of personal sin in an endeavour through the Grace of God to become better men and women.

We were happy to welcome the Diocesan Conference of the A.Y.P.A. at the Cathedral over the Quinquagessima weekend. The theme of the Conference was "Building the Church of tomorrow in the hearts of the Youth of today. A good deal of real enthusiasm was manifested, and all were agreed that it was a very successful Conference.

On Wednesday, February 14th, a Memorial Service was held in the Cathedral for Lord Tweedsmuir at which the Army and the Police Force were represented as well as the Government and the City of Edmonton. The Bishop gave a brief address and the short service ended with the playing of Chopin's Funeral March.

ST. FAITH'S

THE REV. C. F. A. CLOUGH

After upwards of 16 years' ministrations at St. Faith's, Canon Clough has resigned to take up duty with the C.A.S.F. We naturally feel very sad at losing the Rector and his estimable wife. We shall miss them greatly, for they seemed to belong to us, they were of us, as it were, rejoicing in our happiness and sympathising in our sorrows. The Canon was ever a true friend, counsellor and comforter, to any and all of us and at all times. We all wish them both, every happiness and success in their future life and activities. God bless them and their family, is our earnest prayer.

On January 9th we held a social gathering to bid farewell to our Rector, when a presentation was made to Canon Clough, of a gold watch wrist, suitably inscribed and to Mrs. Clough, a gold locket and chain; also at a later date, was presented to their son Arthur, an active service kit, prior to his departure for Overseas with the C.A.S.F.

At the Bishop's request the Rev. A. Love has kindly taken charge of our Parish, till such time as an incumbent is appointed. We greatly appreciate Rev. Love's ministrations; his reverent and dignified way of conducting Divine Service and his earnest addresses are, I hope, an inspiration to us. We are indeed fortunate in having Mr. Love with us at this time.

Mr. E. Currey is superintending the Senior Sunday School and devoting all possible time to assisting Rev. Love and with Miss Mae Jackson taking charge of the choir and Miss Estelle Cole at the organ, we should do very nicely till a Rector is appointed. St. Faith's A.Y.P.A. are upholding their reputation by again winning the "Bishop Burgett" trophy, at the Annual Dramatic Festival; also Mary Cheston and Alex Graham were adjudged best actress and actor respectively. Congratulations. We are very proud of our branch of the A.Y.P.A.

We notice increased attendance at Sunday evening Services, due probable to the Choir turning up in greater numbers, and to our appreciation of Rev. Love's inspiring addresses.

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Wilfred Brown and to Mrs. Walter Shillabeer for their valuable help, in acting as organists at such times as Miss Cole is unable to take duty.

CHRIST CHURCH

THE REV. G. P. GOWER

An Easter Call

To higher Life and Love, that we may know
More of Thy love Divine,
And in Thy Resurrection power may go
From strength to strength, until our lives shall
grow
Closer, dear Lord, to Thine.

On **Palm Sunday** we shall be broadcasting over CJCA at 11.00 a.m. It happens to be St. Patrick's Day and we are reminded of the wonderful contribution to the cause of Christ which the Irish and their patron Saint have made during the sixth and eighth centuries the lamp of religion was kept burning in Europe by the Irish missionaries. Their appreciation of the purely spiritual has many times saved the Church from the sin of worldliness.

On **Good Friday** the Three Hours' Devotion will be conducted by the Rev. Canon W. F. Barfoot, M.A., D.D., Warden of St. John's College, Winnipeg. Canon Barfoot has spent many years in the West, first at Emmanuel College Saskatoon, and afterwards at St. John's. His understanding of the Church's task in these times of difficulty is sympathetic and penetrating.

In the evening of Good Friday some fine films of the Story of the Last Days before the Crucifixion will be shown at 8.00 p.m. The Choir will sing parts of the Cantata "Olivet to Calvary."

Services on Easter Sunday

Holy Communion at 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m.
Holy Communion (Choral) at 11.00 a.m. Canon Barfoot will preach.
Evenson at 7.30.

Easter Monday, March 25th

Easter Monday happens to be the Birth Day of the Parish. At a meeting held in Mr. G. B. O'Connor's house on 113th St. the then Archdeacon Gray presiding, the parish was brought into being and named Christ Church, on March 25th, 1909. We are thirty-one years old. The first rector the Rev. Robert Jefferson is now Bishop of Ottawa. Plans are being laid for a celebration of this historic day and further notice will be given in the Parish Leaflet.

We Wish all Our Readers a Very Happy Easter

Western Clergy Relief Appeal

The Diocese has been asked to raise \$500 as its share towards the \$50,000 required by the M.S.C.C. to assist the clergy in the distressed areas of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. The parish is trying to raise \$100 towards this appeal. We would urge every member to devote their Lenten Self-Denial offerings to this purpose. It will thus be a pure offering and more acceptable to God.

A.Y.P.A.

The A.Y. have carried out their four-fold programme with much success this month. Corporate Communion and the Devotional Evening were well attended. Their Self-Denial is to be devoted to the Clergy Relief Appeal. On Sunday evening, February 28th, the All Saints' A.Y. joined them after Church to hear a lecture on Church History. Come again All Saints'.

Young Men's Club

Chief among the activities of the Young Men's Club have been the Sleighing Party with the Senior Girls, a rousing Basketball game with Wesley Young Men and an evening at Convocation Hall, U. of A., listening to the reminiscences of Miss Rosita Forbes, the traveller. We hope to hear a veteran of Air Pioneering next week.

W.A.

The Woman's Auxiliary held a very successful Tea at the home of Mrs. Wilkin on 123rd St. A grateful thank you to all who helped.

Mrs. Gutteridge was elected president at the last monthly meeting when a large membership was present.

Due to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Blakey, the past president, we have been able to hang in the vestibule of the Church a framed photostatic copy of the greeting sent to their Majesties on the occasion of their visit to Edmonton, and the reply received from Her Majesty the Queen. This is the second time Christ Church has received honored notice by the Royal Family. During the last war Queen Mary sent a shawl made with her own hands for the purpose of raising money for the Red Cross.

Women's Guild

The Guild are purchasing a red burse, corporal and book markers, to complete our simple liturgical colors for the Church's Year.

Once again they have promised to sponsor the Broadcasts for which we extend most grateful thanks.

The Easter Flower Tea was held at the home of Mrs. J. Thompson on 119th St. on Wednesday, February 28th, with Mrs. Engel in charge of the Home Cooking, and was well attended. The proceeds will be used to purchase Altar Flowers for the Queen of Festivals.

The first of a series of social afternoons was held at the home of Mrs. Haynes on February 21st. Assisting Mrs. Haynes were Mrs. D. W. F. Richardson and Mrs. F. Bore.

Farewells

We have had to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. H. DeWynter who have left for Regina, and to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee who have gone to Vancouver.

Mr. C. Rowsell, our Scout Master, has taken a post in Penticton, and Mr. E. McDormand, Club Master, is leaving to study in Toronto.

All of these members have been very closely connected with the work of the Church and we are deprived of their help in Sunday School, A.Y.P.A., Scouts and Cubs. The Church is under a debt to them and we wish to thank them all for their splendid support, and wish them happiness in their new environment.

The Communion of the Saints

After a long illness bravely borne with great spiritual strength, Mrs. Herbert Wild was taken from us by death. She had endeared herself to all by the sweetness of her disposition and her great faith. Through the W.A. and the Guild of Health she gave constant witness to her Lord and Master and we miss her presence. We extend to Mr. Wild and family, our deepest sympathy.

"Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy Name."

ST. LUKE'S

THE REV. W. H. HATFIELD, R.D.

A mass of human legs and arms, a few distorted countenances, a hearty peal of laughter (from the onlookers) and the pyramid has collapsed. The Boys' Club, under the supervision of their leader, Herb Hadley, and Ken Barker, are preparing for a gymnastic display early in April. Here is one place where we learn patience, perservance and good humor.

There have been several basketball games between the boys' and girls' clubs, and so far the boys have been able to conquer the opposition.

Experiments with boys' games by the girls were a marked success with the result still under consideration.

During the month we had a visit from Miss Sutherland of the University in connection with the Student Christian Movement, and her address and Christian Witness was most helpful. Then on Sunday evening, Canon W. H. Morgan, who was in charge of the parish 12 years ago, paid us a visit. We were very glad to have him with us, and he was able to renew old friendships.

On Sunday the new hymnal will be introduced. It will put at our disposal some grand hymns although we mourn the passing of the old, and are not really happy at some of the verbal changes in hymns to suit our tradition at the expense of the mind of the author.

ST. PETER'S

THE REV. P. A. RICKARD

St. Peter's were pleased to have the Rev. P. Disney of Hardisty the first Sunday in February as visiting clergy.

The ladies of the Parish of St. Peter held their annual meeting on February 6th. There was a good attendance at this meeting. Rev. Richard was present and presided during the election of officers. The following were elected: Mrs. G. Edgecombe, President; Mrs. John Hodgson, Vice-President; and Mrs. A. J. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer. Rev. Rickard gave a short address which was enjoyed by all. He also thanked the

ladies of the parish for their co-operation and help during the past year.

The Young Ladies' Group of the W.A. held their annual meeting on February 9th. Their leader, Mrs. Rickard, took the chair during nominations. The following were elected: Miss Mona Clegg, President; Miss Barbara Kellaway, Vice-President; Mrs. S. Fermor, Secretary-Treasurer. Members of this group were hostesses at a party for the Choir in February.

On February 18th St. Peter's were honored to have His Lordship the Bishop as preacher and Celebrant.

The regular meeting of the W.A. was held on February 20th. The Thankoffering was brought in at this meeting. Mrs. Young presented the third chapter of the Study Book. The delegates nominated to attend the Annual Meeting of Diocesan Board of the W.A. were Mrs. Hodgson and Mrs. Young.

Rev. Canon S. F. Tackaberry renewed old acquaintances at St. Peter's Vestry Meeting and spoke on the work and needs of the Diocese.

Regular Lenten Services are being held each Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S

THE REV. J. C. MATTHEWS

Sunday Services, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.

Junior Sunday School, 10 a.m. Senior Sunday School and Bible Classes, 10.30 a.m. The Senior Scholars attend Church Service at 11 a.m. after a short instruction at the Senior Sunday School and Bible Classes.

Weekday Services—Holy Communion on Monday, Thursday, Saturday at 7.30 a.m., and on Wednesday during Lent at 10 a.m.

We are holding Confirmation Classes now on Sunday at 4.30 p.m. and Tuesday at 8 p.m. for men. On Monday and Friday at 4.30 p.m. for girls. On Wednesday at 7 p.m. for boys. On Monday at 8 p.m. for senior girls and women.

Willing Workers

Prior to the business meeting on Thursday, February 1st the Willing Workers met in the church where Fr. Clarke spoke briefly to them. The members have invited several ladies to speak to them each Thursday in Lent on different subjects. Among the speakers who have already visited the W.W. or have promised to do so are the President, Mrs. Pridmore; The Countess De La Feld; Mrs. Harold Field; Mrs. H. M. E. Evans.

A very successful Whist Drive and Dance was sponsored by the W.W. on Shrove Tuesday.

Men's Guild

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, February 13th, and was fully attended. The sick committee reported that all our members were in the best of health.

It was decided to table the correspondence re the resolution to the Ministerial Association with regard to the Sunday Closing of Groceries. Bro. Russell spoke in connection with his efforts to popularize the Church Messenger. It was decided to appoint a member each month to read a paper based on some article in the "Church Messenger" or "Canadian Churchman." We are looking forward in March to a talk from Bro. Patterson on "Mines" When is a Mine not a Mine? We understand it will not be a talk on the mines Hitler is using just now.

Bros. Patterson and Woodward were appointed to visit sick members of the Guild. Bros. Dodd and H. Gregory to visit sick Church members.

Issues at Stake

III. — BAD FAITH AND THE WORD OF TRUTH

By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D.

Charles Kingsley, a typical Englishman of last century, wrote against the question in the old-fashioned Confession Album,—“of what fault are you most tolerant?”—the answer, “all except lying.” Mr. Chamberlain, our chosen typical Englishman today, knew his people well when, in his list of “evil things”, he called them from the whole British Empire, to a holy war against Bad Faith.

Our Lord sees in the broken word the direct offspring of the denial of God. He does not trouble to use diplomatic language. “Ye are of your father the devil . . . He is a liar, and the father of it.” It came as a relief to us in these latter days when diplomatic procedure ceased, and we could call Hitler by his proper title. It was the one word of truth that could be spoken of Hitler; he was a “liar”.

We pride ourselves as a race on our regard for the pledged word; but it is no exclusive possession of ours; it belongs to the high traditions of the strongest races of history. The schoolboy may grow up to forget his Xenophon, but he will always remember, if he has once read it, the three things which every Persian youth was taught,—to ride on horses, to shoot with the bow and arrow, and to speak the truth. At the present moment, the new Turkey is held up as an honourable example to all the nations of Europe, and as a striking contrast to some of them,—a power that stands by the strict letter of a treaty to which it has once signed its name. Truth is, indeed, one of the natural virtues, of which even Christian nations do not have the monopoly. But the full significance of truth, as of all the natural virtues, is only reached in Christianity. God is Himself the Truth; and Christ is the Word of Truth made manifest on this earth.

Therefore we arraign Hitler before the bar of Christ, the eternal Judge. We may call him by another New Testament title, which has also a refreshing lack of diplomacy about it—an “antichrist”. It is true that “even now are there many antichrists”, as there always have been. The spirit of antichrist will not necessarily die with Hitler. Hitler, like Caiaphas, may well have prophesied, in his own sphere of evil, when he named his successors, as he recently did.

It is disconcerting, too, to reflect, that as there has been a streak of brutality running through German history, Germany as a country has also a long-standing record of Bad Faith. We are all anxious to acquit the German people of the sins of their leaders, but it is an unfortunate fact that they have again and again been ready to submit themselves, with only too fanatical a loyalty, to leaders who were untruthful in word, as well as brutal in act.

The last apology that can be made for leaders and people alike, is their devotion to the State. But this apology really explains the moral tragedy of Germany. Bad faith, according to its creed, is justified, if for the moment it appears to serve the interests of the State. Frederick the Great's treacherous division of Poland in the seventeenth century, Bismarck's forged telegram, which was the immediate occasion of the Franco-Prussian War in the later years of the nineteenth century, and now Hitler's long record of lies, all help us to understand what Dr. Johnson meant when he called patriotism “the last refuge of a scoundrel”. May the German people, as a whole, soon learn not to be deceived by this scoundrelism masquerading as devotion to their beloved fatherland.

At all events, we are convinced, even if every nation is not prepared for actual war, that the conscience of the world has taken up arms against this lying spirit of Antichrist.

It must be subdued, and bound in chains. There is no place for it in the world's book of life. We come back to the first great Issue, God—God and evil, God and falsehood. Our wrestling is not with flesh and blood. The vision of the seer is ever being repeated; there is "War in heaven". And when there is war in heaven, when the eternal issues of our being are at stake,—there is nothing for it but to have war on earth, as long as the satanic spirit of lies and bad faith is abroad, until the victory of truth and God be won.

Editor's Note: The above was written by the Vicar of an English parish. Its language may seem a little blunt or harsh to some readers of *Church Messenger*, but it has been allowed to stand in order to show how some in the Motherland feel about the present situation. If it helps some to think more seriously of our part in the war it will have served a good purpose. However, we must be careful that while we hate the sin, we love the sinner and continually pray both that God will forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts and that He will deliver us from "envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness."—THE EDITOR.



APPORTIONMENTS - 1939

	M. S. C. C.		G. B. R. E.		C. S. S.	
	Asked	Paid	Asked	Paid	Asked	Paid
Algoma	\$ 4,232.00	\$ 2,180.59	\$ 350.00	\$ 236.86	\$ 282.00	\$ 180.74
Arctic	500.00	500.00	48.00	48.00	33.00	33.00
Athabasca	1,000.00	1,000.00	83.00	83.00	66.00	91.14
Brandon	2,855.00	1,789.73	240.00	203.98	190.00	156.29
British Columbia	4,232.00	4,267.00	350.00	213.12	282.00	170.76
Caledonia	1,000.00	376.52	83.00	37.30	66.00	45.00
Calgary	4,000.00	4,000.00	330.00	330.00	256.00	266.00
Cariboo	850.00	850.00	70.00	50.00	60.00	50.00
Edmonton	2,284.00	1,520.00	192.00	192.00	190.00	152.00
Fredericton	11,734.00	6,876.12	900.00	521.50	782.00	460.46
Huron	36,026.00	18,712.49	3,000.00	1,400.00	2,400.00	1,120.00
Keewatin	1,150.00	1,000.00	96.00	96.00	77.00	77.00
Kootenay	2,855.00	2,030.00	240.00	100.00	190.00	125.00
Montreal	36,000.00	26,261.92	3,000.00	2,088.75	2,400.00	1,414.69
Moosonee	1,379.00	840.73	100.00	57.68	92.00	59.42
New Westminster	9,106.00	9,101.80	787.00	223.91	610.00	212.49
Niagara	24,755.00	19,776.64	2,064.00	1,610.51	1,650.00	1,148.43
Nova Scotia	15,310.00	8,432.59	1,275.00	616.48	1,020.00	470.53
Ontario	9,106.00	3,000.00	787.00	432.27	607.00	205.86
Ottawa	13,694.00	12,856.38	1,140.00	819.24	915.00	712.33
Qu'Appelle	5,500.00	2,321.39	475.00	229.77	366.00	192.55
Quebec	9,106.00	5,185.03	787.00	441.19	607.00	489.81
Rupert's Land	9,106.00	3,853.00	787.00	363.00	607.00	291.00
Saskatchewan	1,352.00	1,055.31	112.00	84.00	90.00	67.50
Saskatoon	2,855.00	1,006.50	240.00	50.00	190.00	68.01
Toronto	77,881.00	56,980.65	6,500.00	4,640.01	5,195.00	4,003.94
Yukon	850.00	490.00	70.00	45.00	60.00	30.00
Miscellaneous	643.07
Totals	\$288,718.00	\$196,907.46	\$24,154.00	\$15,213.57	\$19,293.00	\$12,293.95

In addition to the above the various Diocese contributed \$13,129.99 to the work of Jewish Missions. In the \$12,293.95 paid to the C.S.S. there is \$129.46 belonging to 1938 paid in 1939.

WE SINNERS do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Is It Nothing to You?

Preliminary arrangements for the special appeal for \$50,000 to be launched by the Missionary Society are now complete, according to a statement made this week by Mr. F. G. Venables, chairman of the Western Appeal Committee, M.S.C.C.

Under the authority of the Bishop concerned, a key layman has been appointed in each diocese across Canada to head a special committee formed for a dual purpose; (1) The raising of the Diocesan share of the \$50,000, and (2) The spread of missionary information by means of the poster, the leaflet, and by word of mouth, with a view to the quickening of the missionary spirit in every diocese.

First charge on the fund when raised will be the urgent needs of the three dioceses in the Province of Saskatchewan, and the money remaining will be used to augment the grants to missionary work in the pioneer settlements of thirteen dioceses extending from Quebec to the Yukon.

To assist parish committees in the raising of their allotments, a large supply of colourful posters have gone out this week to the laymen heading diocesan committees for distribution in each diocese. A large number of leaflets describing in detail the special needs of the missionary areas of our Church accompanied the posters, for distribution to parishioners.

The arrangements are that Sunday, March 3rd, will be set aside for this special Western Missions Appeal by the clergy from the pulpit, and that the ensuing week will be devoted to the work in connection with the campaign, concluding with the offertory on Sunday, March 10th.

In a statement made by the Archbishop of Toronto, the Primate of our Church, he stated: "The condition which faces us in our pioneer settlements this year is due to three things:

"First; the drought and crop failure have produced a special need. While these conditions are improving, and we believe the spell of misfortune is broken, yet for this year the brave people of these areas need this help.

"Second; the failure of many of our dioceses to meet their Missionary Allotment in full is a contributing cause. Payment in full of those Allotments would make such appeals unnecessary.

"Third; the war will prevent the generous Church in the Motherland from helping to the same extent this year in the way she has done for many years past.

"I commend this appeal to our Canadian Church people."

Excerpts from diocesan reports give graphic instances of the urgent need which faces our Church missions. Three excerpts follow:

"If it were not for the grants we get from the M.S.C.C. at least half of our missions would have to be closed. Our mission boats would have to be tied up; the lighthouse keeper, the logging camp and the lonely settler would be out of touch with the Church."

"In 1939 sixty percent of the diocese received its first crop since 1928—the remaining forty percent suffered crop failure. The Government is providing relief and the Woman's Auxiliary has provided much clothing. The M.S.C.C. guarantee of \$60 per month for our faithful clergy in these areas is absolutely necessary if they are to keep going."

"We have several scattered areas where the people are too poor to support a resident clergyman. For these people we should have a travelling missionary but our financial resources do not permit this. For the present the work is under the care of a clergyman whose mission stretches 142 miles along the railway with one out station 20 miles back in the bush."

Mr. J. M. McWhinney, General Treasurer of the M.S.C.C., is treasurer of the \$50,000 appeal. All contributions should be made to local committees, and will of course eventually reach M.S.C.C. by way of the various Synod Offices.

Comments Original and Otherwise

"Curate"

THE CHURCH NEEDS MEN WHO SERVE

From an editorial in *The Witness* I quote as follows:

"We are always thanking God because of the sins we do not commit, whereas God is ever testing us for the things we are trying to do. What the Church needs is those who serve, and what the Church gets is men who do not drink or swear. Christ came among us as one who served, and we go among men as those who have never disgraced ourselves.

"Respectability is one thing, and service is another, and the one cannot take the place of the other. A servant may be perfectly respectable and absolutely worthless to us, for we do not advertize for ornaments, but for workers. If you want to show your love for Christ, do something in His name, and your love will begin to have a reality."

In the same editorial Bishop Johnson says that "preaching has to undergo some sort of a major operation. I do not see how a young man, trained in an academic atmosphere, full of half-digested theories and without any real experience, can preach the Gospel acceptably to those whose problems are in the kitchen and the shop . . . The world is hungry for the Gospel of Christ, but they are not interested in theological essays, even though the English be faultless and the ethics commendable.

"The Christian faith needs a new emphasis in preaching and in practice. We need to learn that we are not above our Master; that He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and that we go to church to forget self and to practise His presence."

The man who substitutes theological essays for the Good News of God's love in Christ Jesus, is betraying the trust committed to him at ordination.

WORK AMONG OUR INDIANS

In a recent issue of the *Canadian Churchman* I read a report of the work of Ven. Archdeacon Faries among the Indians on the coast of Hudson's Bay. At a trading post called Sammat-tawa there was a Service that lasted from 9.30 until noon. It was held in one of the Indian shacks, the greater part of the congregation having to remain outside. The inside of the shack was fitted up as a sanctuary with an improvised altar, and poles stretched across to serve as a communion rail with a reading desk in front. There were 34 communicants and the collection amounted to \$28.25.

At 2 o'clock there was another Service when 11 infants were baptized. This Service lasted three hours and there was no lack of interest or waning reverence on the part of the congregation.

In the same paper there is a report of a visit of the Bishop of Saskatchewan to the Indian reserve, Fort a la Corne, when 34 Indians were

confirmed at one Service and 15 at another.

Surely there is no work in which the Church of England in Canada is engaged which can possibly have a prior claim to that which is being done by our faithful missionaries among these Indians, Canada's original inhabitants.

GALLOPING THROUGH THE SERVICE

Recently on board ship an intelligent layman with whom I was talking, put to me the question, "Why do clergymen sometimes gallop through the prayers when reading the Service on Sunday?" I could only reply that such a way of reading the Service was as much a mystery to me as to him. When the Service is read in that way I find it practically impossible to join in the prayers. Such reading of the prayers must be a serious stumbling block to many worshippers, and a weighty responsibility rests on the parish priest who deliberately puts that stumbling block in the way of his people. I cannot help wondering whether that were not the sort of offence that our Lord had in mind when He said that it were better for a man to have a millstone about his neck.

HEARD IN A SERMON

The godless Communist loses no opportunity to urge his Creed. Why should we the declared disciples of Jesus Christ let him have it all his own way?

Christ has no feet but our feet to go on missions of mercy. He has no lips but our lips to speak the message of the Evangel. He has no hands but our hands to minister to the needs of life, for the Word of God still reveals itself through human hands and human hearts.

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring men to His side.

ENGLAND'S PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS

"In our determination to achieve our purpose, we are united among ourselves. We are supported by the people of the Empire, by the power and resolution of our great and gallant ally, France, by the moral approval of all who realize that the fate of civilization is bound up with our success. Against such a combination as that, the powers of wickedness will fight in vain, and we who are at the beginning of the new year can await the future with unshaken confidence in the strength of our arms and in the righteousness of our cause."

There you have the dogged unshakeable British spirit that never knows defeat and is bound to win in the end. (Continued on page 8)

The Most Reverend John Charles Roper

On January 26th Archbishop Roper, for twenty-four years Bishop of Ottawa, died in Toronto where he and his sister had recently retired. He was in his 82nd year.

He was educated in Kent at Tonbridge School and at Keble College, Oxford. He was made a deacon by the Bishop of Chichester in St. Peter's Parish Church, Brighton, June 4th, 1882. His ordination to the priesthood followed the next year at Chichester Cathedral.



In 1882 he became curate of All Saints' Church, Herstmonceux, in his native county of Sussex, a post which he filled for one year. From 1883 to 1885 he was chaplain and theological lecturer at Brasenose College, Oxford; from 1886 to 1888, Keble Professor of Divinity, University of Trinity College, Toronto, and from 1888 to 1897, vicar of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto.

From Toronto in 1897, Dr. Roper went to the General Theological Seminary, New York.

After 15 years in the United States, he was elected Bishop of British Columbia, where he served until 1915. In that year he was translated to Ottawa to succeed Archbishop Hamilton.

At a meeting of the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, January 25th, 1933, Right Rev. John C. Roper was elected Metropolitan of Ontario.

His scholarship, his keen interest, his catholicity which showed itself in his desire that all views should receive fair consideration, and his simple kindness will be greatly missed in his Diocese and the wider councils of the Church. We all owe much to John Charles Roper.

In St. Thomas' Church, Toronto, the office of the Burial of the Dead was read by Archbishop Owen, assisted by Rev. C. J. S. Stuart and Provost Cosgrave of Trinity College. In the sanctuary were also Bishop Lennox Williams, formerly of Quebec, and Bishop L. W. Broughall of the Diocese of Niagara.

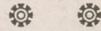
The body of the late Archbishop was taken to Ottawa on Sunday evening and lay in state in Christ Church Cathedral from ten a.m. to half-past two the next day. The funeral Service was held in the afternoon, the opening sentences being said by the Bishop of Cariboo, the Right Rev. G. A. Wells. The Rev. Howard Clark, rector, led in the recitation of Psalms 39

and 90; the lesson, taken from Second Thessalonians was read by the Ven. W. A. Netten, Archdeacon of Cornwall and rector of St. Bartholomew's, and after the recital of the Apostles' Creed, prayers were said by the Rev. Canon E. A. Johnston, Secretary of the Synod of Ottawa, and the Right Rev. Robert Jefferson, Bishop of Ottawa.

The Bishop in a short address spoke of the great loss the Church had sustained, and referred to the late Archbishop as an English gentleman, a true friend, and a great Christian.

The hymns sung during the Service were "For all thy saints", and "Thou didst leave thy throne".

At a memorial Service held on Sunday morning in the Cathedral the Bishop outlined the career of the late Archbishop and mentioned some of the things he had done for the Church in Canada, such as his part in the revision of the Prayer Book, and the compilation of the Hymn Book.



Diocese of Athabasca

GOODWIN (Rev. B. J. Thorpe, M.A.)—The report of the G.B.R.E., which has just reached me makes the following statement "Men and women generally are feeling that there is something wrong with our educational system with its practical neglect of specific Christian teaching." This neglect will not be quite so marked in this district. In the Alberta School Act provision is made, with the permission of the local Boards, for a half hour of religious instruction per week. The Boards of the two schools in this district kindly gave me the necessary permission to take advantage of this provision and I have been to each school three times. The first part of the period is devoted to reading suitable selections from the Bible and the second to a lesson as suitable as possible for a group of children of varying ages. I think there is a very great value in this arrangement, for if education is considered to be a preparation for life it cannot omit religious instruction, and if that instruction is given in school people and children will realize that it is a necessary, even a vital part of education. This arrangement has also solved a problem which worried men somewhat. For various reasons it has been very difficult to get the children together at the Church for Sunday School on Sundays; now they are all gathered together at one time and in one place and so far seem to be enjoying this weekly period and to be looking forward to Thursday or Friday afternoon as the case may be.

Read
FORWARD — Day by Day
Easter Number 5c.
G. B. R. E.

THE NEW BISHOP OF ALGOMA

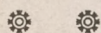
On January 17th the Rev. Canon George Frederick Kingston, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma to succeed the Right Rev. Roxborough R. Smith who resigned recently.

Born at Prescott, Ont., in 1889, he was graduated from Trinity College in 1913 and received the Governor-General's Gold Medal in Philosophy. The following year he obtained his Master of Arts degree from the University of Toronto and in March, 1916, was ordained a deacon. In December of that year he was ordained a priest in All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax.

From 1916 to 1919 Dr. Kingston was lecturer in philosophy at the University of King's College at Halifax, proceeding from there to Oxford and Cambridge for post-graduate studies and returning to King's College as Professor of Philosophy until 1922. In Nova Scotia he was active in missionary work in the fishing villages.

He returned to Trinity in 1922 and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Toronto the following year. He became Dean of Men at the college in 1926. He was appointed a canon of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, in 1937.

Everyone who knows Dr. Kingston is very pleased at the choice the Diocese has made and feels confident that the new bishop will be a strength to that Diocese and to the work of the entire Church in Canada.



Diocese of Quebec

After spending a quarter of a century as Rector of St. Peter's, Sherbrooke, Canon R. R. Bigg has announced his retirement to take effect this September. Canon Bigg succeeded Canon Richmond Shreve, who was appointed Dean of Quebec, and has maintained St. Peter's record as a church that serves the people, not only of the city, but of the St. Francis District.

A large legacy has been left St. Anne's Church, Richmond.

A short retreat was held in Bishop's College Chapel for the divinity students at the beginning of Lent term.

The Bishop of the diocese has notified the members of the clergy that he desires the 2nd Sunday in Lent kept free for the purpose of making an appeal to help to raise the \$50,000.00 required for Western missions, now deprived, by war-conditions, of much of their English financial support. The diocese is being asked to show its thankfulness for the English financial support which it received from the beginning and up to the beginning of the century, by taking the place of the present English contributors to Western missions, according to its ability.

The Bishop attended the Townships Colonisation Society which has offered to co-operate in building the church at Lawrence, the only English colonisation area of the Eastern Townships.

Comments Original and Otherwise

(Continued from page 4)

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH AND RE-UNION

From an article in *The Witness* I quote as follows:

"The pages of Christian history are littered with Anglican proposals for Church Unity. It is a sort of game in our communion to think up schemes for the Reunion of Christendom, and then exercise our ingenuity in seeing how best we can wreck them."

A GERMAN PASTOR FOR AN ENGLISH PARISH

A German pastor who became the victim of Nazi persecution because his father was a Jew has been appointed curate at Preston Church, Brighton. He is Pastor W. Oelsner, who was pastor of a Lutheran Church in Berlin. Trouble arose with the Nazis because of his parentage, although the pastor himself is married to a German countess. She could have remained in Germany, but preferred to leave with her husband, and they arrived in England with ten marks each. Pastor Oelsner was ordained by the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Bell, at Preston Old Church on December 21st.

THE MISSIONARY OBLIGATION

The late Bishop Woodcock of Kentucky once said:

"Why should the cause of missions be subjected to the necessity of constant appeal? There can be only one limitation to missions and that is the limitation that each one places upon himself. How can anyone say, I believe in Jesus Christ, but I do not believe in missions? And why does anyone, who calls himself a Christian, fail to share in extending Christ's cause? To say I believe in Christianity but I do not believe in missions, is only another form of unbelief in Christ Himself. One might as well say, I believe in morality but I never live it, I believe in honesty but I never practice it, as to say I believe in Jesus Christ but I am not identified with Him. The degree in which Christ is known to us is limited by the extent that we make Him known to others."

INFORMING THE RELATIVES

A gipsy family, says the Guildford diocesan Gazette, had just cleared away from near the vicarage and left a dead donkey only partly interred. The vicar wrote to the district council about the donkey. They responded rather facetiously, saying that they thought it was the vicar's duty to bury the dead. He replied that he knew that but he just wanted to let the relatives know.

—*The Guardian*.

Lenten Lore

By C. J. Jenkinson

In former days it was customary on Mid-Lent Sunday to play a rough-and-tumble game known as *Winter versus Spring*.

Two figures—Winter, garbed in rough home-spuns much the worse for wear, and Spring, bedecked with flowers and garlands—were carried by opposing parties. Certain preliminaries over, the struggle began. Invariably poor old Winter beat a hasty retreat, and Fair Flora remained in happy possession of the field.

Mid-Lent Sunday, therefore, was regarded as a boundary line between the two seasons, and appears by its popular names—Refreshment Sunday and Mothering Sunday—to have been a noteworthy day in other respects also.

The Collect for the Day suggests a very good reason for the term Refreshment Sunday, seeing that in it we ask that by the comfort of God's grace we may be mercifully relieved—*i.e.*, refreshed. The subject of the Gospel—the Feeding of the Five Thousand—too, is strikingly suggestive.

As for the word "mothering", some see its origin in the custom by which dwellers in remote parts of the parish, called "chapelries", visited the Mother Church on Mid-Lent Sunday for the purpose of presenting offerings at the High Altar. In some parts it is customary for sons and daughters living from home to visit their parents on this day, taking with them a "mothering cake".

Suggestive again is the passage in the Epistle for the day—"But Jerusalem which is above is free; which is the mother of us all."

Palm Sunday, of course, derives its name from the ancient custom of bearing palm branches in commemoration of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Branches of palm were blessed previous to the Eucharist.

The Great Week, or Holy Week, was observed with great strictness, and its old character is

still maintained by the assignment of special Services to each day in it. Being the day on which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was ordained, Thursday was observed with greater solemnity than the preceding days, and was known under various names.

The English name, Maundy Thursday, is supposed to be a corruption of *Mandati* (dies *Mandati*, the day of the Commandment), in reference to the command given by our Lord to His Disciples that they should wash one another's feet as He had washed theirs.

Previous to the reign of James II. it was the custom for the clergy and rich laity to wash the feet of the poor. The King, too, obeyed the command by washing the feet of as many poor men as equalled in number either the years of his age or the years of his reign.

The "Office for the Royal Maundy" is still in use, the Service being characterized by much quaint ceremonial. At the 1338 Service in Westminster Abbey, the Lord High Almoner passed between the two lines of old people, and, according to custom, bestowed gifts of money, including

specially minted silver coins to the value of 42 pence—one penny for each year of the King's age. The money is given away in old-fashioned purses with the long thongs by which they used to be attached to the girdle of the owner. It is said that an official who altered the pattern of the thongs on one occasion was severely reprimanded. The number of recipients is supposed to equal the number of pennies in each purse.

The number has, however, been altered occasionally at the special command of the reigning monarch. In 1935, when King George V. celebrated his Jubilee, the money was distributed to an extra large number of old people.



The King, too, obeyed the command.



MARCH

1. St. David, Archbishop (Menevia) Circa 544.
2. Chad, Bishop (Lichfield) 672.
3. **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.**
7. Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs, 203.
10. **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.**
12. Gregory the Great, Bishop and Doctor (Rome) 604.
17. **SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT. PALM SUNDAY.**
- St. Patrick, Bishop (Armagh) Circa 465.
18. Monday before Easter.
19. Tuesday before Easter. St. Joseph.
20. Wednesday before Easter. Cuthbert, Bishop (Lindisfarne), 687.
21. Thursday before Easter. Benedict, Abbot, 543.
22. **GOOD FRIDAY.**
23. Easter Even.
24. **EASTER DAY.**
25. **Monday in Easter Week.**
Annunciation of B.V.M. transferred to April 2nd.
26. **Tuesday in Easter Week.**
31. **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.**

LETTER FROM THE ANGLICAN BISHOP IN JERUSALEM

Dear Friend:

1940 was to have been the Lambeth Year and the work of the Church in its Unified Statement bears the title "Partnership". Can any more realistic illustration of partnership be found than within the Jerusalem Bishopric?

- (1) All branches of the Anglican Communion support by prayer and alms their representatives in the Holy Land.
- (2) Many branches of the Church Universal rejoice in a common service in the Holy Land.

What a magnificent partnership it was in the last war, when no direct communion with Palestine was possible and yet our work did not perish! Four laymen, four British women and our Arab clergy carried on under great hardship; some of the clergy were under sentence of death, some were exiled, but the three who were left at liberty were specially thanked by General Allenby for their spiritual care of the British prisoners in Turkish hands.

The same glowing spirit of partnership has again been evident. All Anglicans are helping wherever they are needed most. Although the return of many was delayed, the schools began as usual, the hospitals stayed open, the normal

Services were held. In addition, the Bishopric has assumed moral responsibility for the work of the German Lutheran Church, and some of our most trusted members are supervising their hospitals, schools and orphanage.

Greater demands than ever have been made on our partnership in the past twelve months—a refugee year: the Jews and other non-Aryans in their desperate plight, homeless on the land and lone on the water; the Armenians of the Sanjak of Alexandretta, fourteen thousand of whom left their homes for ever within a week of the transfer of Hatay to the Turkish State; the Abyssinians in the Holy City reduced to penury; the Assyrians, for whom our responsibilities are more clearly defined now that the Archbishop's Mission to the Assyrian Christians has been incorporated in the Jerusalem and the East Mission.

This year holds out even greater promise of partnership amongst the spiritual leaders in the Holy City. Three who have long resided here have been confirmed in high office. Timotheus Themelis, formerly Archbishop of the Jordan, is now enthroned as Patriarch of Jerusalem. Archbishop Mesrob Neshanian has been enthroned as Armenian Patriarch and the Syrian Orthodox Metropolitan, Mar Philoxenos Yacoub, has been consecrated a Bishop. With all these the bonds of friendship are becoming increasingly close.

The Patriarch of Jerusalem, in replying to my letter conveying our goodwill and prayers for His Beatitude and his people, writes:

"Your brotherly and friendly sentiments have always been the subject of my personal appreciation. It is most gratifying that the good relations, fraternal bonds and the mutual Christian love and respect which subsist between our Church and the Anglican Church are now at their best, and I feel confident that they will continue to be so in the future also."

There is still a greater partnership in the spiritual struggle for the extension of the Kingdom of God in the Holy Land, where the Christians as messengers of the Peace and Love of God are only eight per cent of the population. Reinforcements are coming through the establishment of a branch house of the Sisters of the Love of God, an enclosed contemplative Community, assisted by members of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, who will also help in cultivating sympathetic relations with the other Christian bodies in the Holy Land.

But there is the *burden* of partnership, in which all the branches of the Anglican Communion share. We, your representatives, are bound to consider the possibility of reduced income and therefore of serious curtailment of the work, and this just when the aims of the work of the Church, and especially of our schools, may be more fully realized in the drawing together of the contending political parties. Restricted material resources may be the will of God and we shall still give Him thanks. But I ask you, our partners, to increase your prayers and alms during Holy Week, and particularly on Good Friday, and to take an ever-growing share

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One Communion and Fellowship

March

Hail! festal day, to endless
ages known.

When Christ, o'er death victo-
rious, gained His throne.
Fulfil Thy promise, King of
Love, we pray!

The third morn brightens, rise and come away.
No mould'ring tomb can hold thee in repose,
No stone the Ransom of the world enclose.
Creator, Fount of Life, thou knowest the grave:
And thence returning thou art strong to save,
Light of the World, show us thy face once more,
The day that died with thee, today restore,
The shades of death are pierced, his laws undone
And trembling chaos flees the rising Sun.
Hail! festal day, to endless ages known,
When Christ, o'er death victorious, gained his
throne.

—Hymn No. 160, from the Latin.

"Almighty God, who through thine only be-
gotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death,
and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:
We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special
grace preventing us, thou dost put into our
minds good desires, so by thy continual help we
may bring the same to good effect; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God,
world without end. Amen."

"Minnewawa" means the-sound-of-the-wind-
among-the-trees; not the storm wind breaking
off dead branches and roaring through the fore-
st, but the softly murmuring breeze that rocks
baby birds in their nests, and makes the leaves
of the forest "clap their hands". Manito, the
Great Spirit, could smile as He heard the soft
voices of the grasses on the wide unpeopled
meadows of Canada's North-West, and accord-
ing to the Indian legend, it was when Manito

smiled that the first flowers of the prairies
sprang into life and blossom, a reflection of the
Creator's smile. In 1823 a deeper note was
added to the voices of soft winds and birds
song, when the bell of little St. John's, our
first Church in the West (indeed the first church,
ever raised in the North-west to the glory of
God), sent its call across the prairie calling
men to remember God, not only as the Great
Spirit of Creation, but also as revealed to men
in Christ Jesus, our Saviour and the Master of
Life. John West had returned to his work in
England, but men were ready to sow the good
seed, where he had turned the first furrow.
There was William Cochrane, well called Coch-
rane the Dauntless, and our Indian priests,
Henry Budd and James Settee, first fruits of the
North-West to so serve God in His Church.

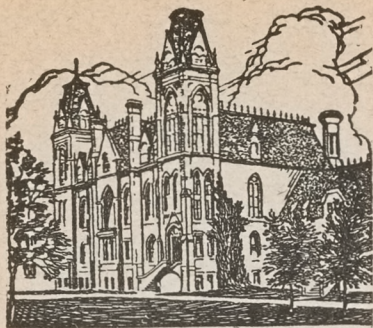
Our Church history puts three names at the
head of her workers in Western Canada, John
West, the founder of the work, William Coch-
rane and Archbishop Machray. The first was
a small man in physique, the other two of large
statue, commanding presence and strong per-
sonality, but all three were alike industrious
in duty and conscientious in their work.

William Cochrane was born in north England.
Early giving himself to Christ to work in the
Church, he was ordained deacon in 1824 and
priested the next year. Directly after this he
was married and offered himself to the North-
West work. So, with his wife, he started for
Hudson's Bay, travelling across country to Red
River. There he found a waiting congregation
of Scotch Presbyterians and while not agreeing
with him, on all points, he was described by
them, "as a zealous and indefatigable preacher
of the Gospel". Beside preaching, Mr. Cochrane
built a second Church, St. Andrew's as St.
John's could not hold the people who came to
hear him. He also managed the building of
church and schoolhouse, for the Indians. Soon
a third church building rose by Red River; the
three being commonly known as upper, middle
and lower churches.

In 1844 Red River was visited by Bishop
Mountain of Quebec. Though normally he was
the Bishop of Quebec with jurisdiction over the
two Canadas, his territory reached from the



Bishop Mountain and his famous journey.



St. John's College.

eastern border of Quebec Province to the middle west of our country. He decided that while proper supervision of his vast district was impossible, he could at least visit it. So he made the thirty-eight day journey. Today we can make it in about 38 hours by train and in a few hours by aeroplane. Then, fair weather meant they slept beneath the stars, while a storm meant the shelter of a crowded tent or upturned canoe. Then as now there were those who looked carelessly on Missions, doubting that pagan could become Christian, but Bishop Mountain's report, sent to England, told of the clean children flocking to Church and Sunday School, of the neat homes of the Christian Indians, such a contrast to the pagan villages, and of making of gardens where potatoes especially were grown. The Indians were very fond of these, and the Crees called them "Eggs of the Earth", eggs of the great Earth Spirit, laid there by the good earth-spirits for the use of man. So the Christian Crees would work with spade and hoe; and with even small crops often saved their people from death in the frequent famines. For, when a hard year came, when the game failed as we read in "Hiawatha" and many other stories, the Indian depending on his hunting, died in thousands. So beside the Bible our missionaries came with spade and hoe, and by the Red River and wherever our missionaries taught, beside the little churches, stretched out tilled fields and tended gardens. The Church brought a trinity of blessings to the Indian: the church building where he could hear of the Great Spirit of creation, revealed as a Saviour of men in Christ Jesus, our Lord; and beside the church, always the school, for as Bishop Anderson said in the motto he chose for St. John's College, "In thy light shall we see light"; and thirdly in the gardens and farms where food grew when hunting failed.

Bishop Mountain's diocese was far too vast for any one man, so in 1849 David Anderson, vice-principal of St. Bee's College and curate at All Saints, Derby, was consecrated as Bishop, of a vast diocese stretching from the U.S.A. boundary to the North Pole, and from Upper Canada to the Pacific. No man could pretend to administer such a charge, but Bishop Anderson worked and organized faithfully. He developed West's little school into St. John's College.

Mr. West was given four young boys, whom he taught and trained carefully. Two of these, Henry Budd and James Settee, became ordained priests of our Church, the other two were teachers and catechists.

Mr. Budd's first station was at The Pas. He is described as a man of fine appearance, and a priest in the highest sense of the word. "He was our father," said his converts at The Pas, "When he was called home, we felt we were orphans indeed." He was also closely connected with the translating work of Rev. James Hunter, who came out to the North-West in 1844 and settled at The Pas where he built a church and manse and school. His great work was however the putting of Bible and Prayer Book into Cree, in which he was ably assisted by Henry Budd.

Soon after Henry Budd went out to work, Mr. Settee went to the Churchill River district. There the ground had been prepared by an Indian, Kayanwas the Prophet, he preached and prepared many for Baptism. Mr. Settee was stationed at Stanley on the Churchill River. This Mission is still one of our most successful stations. Instead of dying out, the Indian members, fifty at the start, now number over nine hundred. For some years he was itinerating and did excellent work until advancing age caused his retirement. A cheerful man who clearly saw the bright side to anything, he looked for and saw the best in every man. Thus a blessing and blessed he lived on in Winnipeg. He had many children, and a son and grandson still serve in our Church. In 1912 he went to serve in the Church Triumphant.

The Church grew. Thomas Vincent and Robert McDonald were Canadians but not Indian, the parents of both being agents of the Hudson Bay Company. McDonald started out working on the Yukon. He would have been its first Bishop, but he refused and the post was assigned to William Bompas. Such was the personality and energy of McDonald that he had eighteen helpers all unpaid, and a thriving school. His register showed that he baptized 1,399 Indians in one year.

A. E. TAYLOR.



Maritime Notes

Halifax Cathedral's income for the past year amounted to \$20,500.00

A Midnight Celebration of Holy Communion marked the passing of the old year at Aldershot and the Rev. T. Hudson Stewart, M.C., of St. John, N.B., Chaplain to the 1st Division, C.A.S.F., took part in the Service.

Moncton has been chosen as the place where the Fredericton Diocesan W. A. will hold its annual meeting on May 28th. The diocesan pledge of \$4,000.00 for Woman's Auxiliary Missions has been met in full.

Sister Sheila of the new sisterhood attached to the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist, St. John, was invited to be the special speaker at the inter-denominational gathering of women held during the Week of Prayer at the Baptist Church.

The Western Appeal

Letters which are reaching Church House from all parts of the Dominion in connection with the Appeal fall in the main into two classes: those that prove, if further proof was necessary, the urgency of the need that exists in many, very many, of our missions in the pioneer settlements of the West; and those which show the sympathy that is being aroused in all parts of Canada as the story of the need is presented to the leaders of our Church.

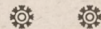
This country is so large and the troubles of the people in various sections so acute or so all-absorbing, that up till recently the difficulties of our clergy and the people of the three missionary dioceses of the Province of Saskatchewan—Qu'Appelle, Saskatoon and Saskatchewan—have been very imperfectly understood, have been partly at any rate dismissed from the mind as being the obligation of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. It is so much easier to say M.S.C.C., but even today many ANGLICANS can't tell you what the initials stand for. (Memo. Learn them tonight as a bedtime story and then you won't forget them.) But the trouble is that even in good times M.S.C.C. never gets enough from the Church people of this Dominion to satisfy even the minimum requirements of the thirteen missionary dioceses, so when a playful little thing like a four year drought comes along, it is not surprising that an appeal has to be made to the better-off parts of Canada to ease the situation until once more the pendulum commences to swing the other way. Experience has proved that when facts covering a legitimate need are presented in proper fashion to our people they will respond adequately, and that is why the feeling is growing that this Western Appeal for \$50,000 is going to be met in full next month.

Resolution to tackle this job was made at the meeting of the Executive of M.S.C.C. last October. It was confirmed at the meeting of the Board of Management at Winnipeg in November, and by the Executive Council, and the mechanics were entrusted to the Finance Committee of Executive of M.S.C.C., who formed itself into a Central Committee, and added to its number. That Committee has written to every Bishop and secured from him the promise of warm support, and obtained the name of a diocesan chairman to prosecute the appeal within diocesan boundaries; has written two letters to every chairman; has sent out 5,000 posters and 200,000 pamphlets for advertising and information purposes, and is now, after requests from several dioceses, sending out 125,000 special envelopes, chiefly for those dioceses which have to do their canvassing by mail; and is also answering letters of query every day, and supplying extra information in support of the appeal. Each Bishop has written a letter to his clergy; each diocesan chairman has written to the clergy also, and in many cases visited a great number of them; parish chairmen and committees have been appointed, and so, through Bishops, Priests and Laymen, the word

of the need is being spread, and everything is being made ready for Sunday, March 3rd when the appeal will be made from the pulpits; and for the week following when the canvass will be made; and finally, for Sunday, March 10th when the offertory will be taken up.

As to the need, to use a Gilbertian phrase, there can be no possible doubt whatever. Bishops and clergy, like other folk, must be fed and clothed, and even allowing for the fact that three of the last Bishops elected to Missionary Dioceses have at once had their salaries cut in half, some sort of stipend has to be paid. But how can farmers pay when on top of being ruined by three and four years of drought, returns on today's prices for wheat are bringing in half and even a quarter of what was produced a few years ago. In 1929 one farmer sold 100 bushels of oats to pay his taxes. Today it takes 400 bushels to pay taxes on the same acreage, and taxes have not gone up. In 1929 a bushel of wheat bought 1½ lbs. of tea; today 1½ bushels only buys a pound. And many other similar instances can be given showing how necessary it is for these dioceses to lean heavily at the present time on M.S.C.C.

But there is another and better side to the picture. Opinion is steadily growing that the only *real* solution is the payment in full of M.S.C.C. Apportionments by dioceses, and therefore, of course, by individual parishes. Sporadic appeals to make up allotments are unhealthy and must be abandoned. In their place must grow up with ever increasing volume the conviction that it is our duty to God, to our Church and to ourselves as Canadian citizens, to pay what is asked of us by the Church to assist in providing spiritual training and comfort for our pioneers in the West, and to maintain the Dominion of Canada as one of the great Christian countries of the world. That is the least that we can do, and if every one of us does his part the country, irrespective of original race or religion of the individual, will be the better for it.



Letter from the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem (Continued from page 10)

in your partnership with the branches of the Sister Churches in the Holy Land in the work of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Believe me to be,

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE FRANCIS.
Bishop in Jerusalem.

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One Hundred Years Ago

Portneuf, L. C.: The Journal of the Bishop's Visitation, dated Marchmont, Quebec, 12th May, 1840. To S.P.G. I left Quebec, 7th January and slept at house of the Hon'ble E. Hale, M.L.C. and Seigneur of Portneuf who has formed a Protestant settlement in the rear of the French concessions (Halesborough); the charge of which, with that of Bourg Louis (where Mr. Turner, catechist, is stationed), St. Patrick's (St. Catherine's?) and Jacques-Cartier River, I propose to confide to the Rev. W. W. Wait. The Rev. H. D. Sewell and other Quebec clergymen have paid them visits necessarily few and far between. Mr. Wait will live in Mr. Hale's house and settlers will contribute towards his maintenance as soon as they shall have completed the erection of the church, for which money has been collected in England.

Montreal—Trinity Chapel: I reached Montreal 9th January . . . I have appointed 20th May for the consecration of Trinity Chapel, a stone edifice in Gothic style, with school-room and clerk's apartment in the basement and a minister's residence attached, to be served by the Rev. M. Willoughby, assisted by Rev. Mr. Broome, whom I ordained in February last. The whole expense has been borne by Major Christie of Montreal, a gentleman of fortune.

Iberville, L. C.: Major Christie is about to erect a church and schoolroom with residences for minister and schoolmaster at Christeville near St. John where he intends to maintain a minister at his own charge . . . He is greatly interested in the extension of Scriptural views of religion to French Canadians and there is an active movement on a confined scale already proceeding under the direction of a gentleman from France who came out as an Agent of the Bible Society but has united himself with our Church and acts as Catechist and Scripture Reader. He looks forward to holy orders. (May 1840)

Lachine, L. C.: On January 12th, 1840 I had appointed a confirmation at Lachine, the first which was ever held there. I administered that rite to 14 persons in the little stone church served by the Rev. D. R. Robertson, the Assistant Minister of Montreal. We passed the day with Col. Wilgress, a retired officer of the R. A. and family, worthy and religious people.

Hawkesbury, U. C.: (After visits to St. Andrew's, the Gore) on January 18th I proceeded up the river Ottawa to Grenville, making a detour to visit Mrs. Hamilton at Hawkesbury, widow of the late district judge, who carried on the lumber trade on a large scale—a handsome and extensive establishment, still owned by his widow. Three members of Mrs. Hamilton's family were candidates for confirmation. I was well satisfied with the evidences of their preparation. (The late Archbishop Charles Hamilton of Ottawa was a descendant of Mrs. Hamilton.)

Vaudreuil, L. C.: I went to Vaudreuil, an appendage to the mission of Rev. J. Leeds at Coteau du Lac, but much more important than that place. Here I was received at the house

of Major Mathison and confirmed 48 persons in the schoolhouse on January 21st, 1840. They are engaged upon the erection of a church. At **Coteau du Lac** 9 persons were confirmed in the church—the building is in appearance a sashed wooden dwelling house the property of the Government.

Ormstown, L. C.: At Huntingdon one of the Churchwardens from Ormstown had come to meet me and I went on with him. The roads were excessively heavy and it was impossible to reach the church till after four. The people had all gone. Mr. Brethour received us in the log parsonage built for him on the lot given by the Seigneur. Missionaries in poor country places, being family men, have only £100 a year.

Russell-town Flats, L. C.: On January 25th, 1840 I had to push on to Russell-town Flats in a tract of country never visited by a bishop before, and only visited by a clergyman about once a year whose expenses were paid out of the pocket of the late Bishop Stewart. In this tract the Montreal Missionary Society now maintain a travelling missionary, the Rev. W. Davis who has established 18 stations and penetrates to clearings where a horse cannot pass. 41 were confirmed. On a hill near the village stands a place of worship which may come into the hands of the Church.

Hemmingford, L. C.: January 26th, 1840.—Capt. McGee drove me to Col. Schriver's in Hemmingford, who for services in the war of 1812 has acquired a handsome property. The edifice for public worship stands near his house, built chiefly at his own expense. He is attached to the Methodists but well affected towards the Church and prepared the building expressly for confirmation. Out of 400 persons present 65 were confirmed, including three troopers.

Napierville, L. C.: On January 27th we went to Napierville with Mr. Davis, stopping by the way to decide upon the site of a church 3 miles from Hemmingford and again, at **Sherrington**, to inspect a half-finished small stone church. Napierville is a small military post. The court house, now a barracks, was used as a prison for the loyalists during the successes of the rebels. I became the guest of Col. Taylor. Mr. Davis holds Service in a schoolhouse. The Seigneur, Major Christie, is giving a site of 6 acres for a church and parsonage together with an endowment of 100 acres, a league away.

La Colle, L. C.: On January 28th, Col. Taylor drove us to Odell-town and La Colle, pointing out two battlefields, scenes of action with the rebels. I pitched upon an eligible site, one acre near the village, for erection of church and parsonage, offered by Mr. Hotchkis, an American. Four churches are in contemplation or in progress within the range of the labours of Mr. Davis who has been in his charge for 15 months.

La Prairie, L. C.: On January 29th, 1840, Col. Taylor drove me 18 miles to La Prairie. The little church has been improved by the Rev. W. Arnold, assisted by Col. Johnson . . .

Churches are springing up so fast I must beg for more help. The full extent of the £500 grant by the S.P.G. has been promised in other quarters.

At **Chambly, L. C.**, I confirmed 12 persons. The Rev. Jos. Braithwaite has charge of a school. There is a large military force here.

St. John, L. C.: 31st January, 1840. I confirmed 23 persons in the parish church. Mr. Arnold assists the rector here, as well as serving La Prairie. Mr. Forest, S.P.G. Catechist, attends some destitute places in the neighbourhood and has charge of some Indian youths.

Isle aux Noix, L. C.: The Rev. Mr. Baldury, acting chaplain to the forces visits the troops here. There is a small wooden military chapel where 150 persons assembled. 6 were confirmed. Col. Senior received me kindly. I visited the Regimental School in which the S.P.C.K. publications are used.

Clarenceville L. C.: On February 2nd, 1840, I confirmed 68 in the church at Christie's Manor where the Rev. Micaiah Townsend resides and preached at his second church at Caldwell Manor.

At **Philipsburgh, L. C.**, the Rev. R. Whitwell brought 54 candidates. Troops were scattered all along this part of my route. At **Bedford** in Stanbridge the mission of the Rev. R. P. Balfe formerly a Roman Catholic priest, at one time harassed by an unsuccessful attempt to blast his character, I confirmed 20 persons in the neat brick church. The second church at the upper village, a brick building, is shut up for the present.

At **Frelighsburg** the mission of the Rev. Jas. Reid (St. Armand East) I confirmed 18 persons in the church. Mr. Reid presented a Mr. Ferris whom I admitted as an aspirant to the ministry.

At **Dunham** on February 6th, 1840, I was conveyed by the members of the Baker family to the Rev. C. C. Cotton's. At his church I confirmed 27 persons.

Shefford, L. C.: Through the kindness of Mr. Cotton I was conveyed in his sleigh 18 miles to the mission of the Rev. A. Balfour. I stopped at West Shefford Church to hold a Confirmation for 19 persons and visited old Mrs. Wood who has 60 grandchildren. Mr. Balfour received me in his Parsonage at **Waterloo** village and here I met the Rev. C. L. F. Haensel, formerly a C.M.S. missionary in Sierra Leone, and latterly of the diocese of Ohio, who is appointed to a school in Froste village in this township and who assists Mr. Balfour voluntarily on Sundays in a portion of the ground which he cannot cover. In Froste village is a church held in co-partnership with the Methodists—a faulty arrangement. Here as well as at the schoolhouse in **Stukeley** I preached.

At **Granby, L.C.**, I preached in a schoolhouse at Granby village, a place where a church is immediately about to be erected and which I have proposed to the S.P.G. as a missionary station. This little village of recent formation is torn by religious factions, the congregationalists having divided into two parts, each with its own minister, but neither with a place of worship.

At **Abbottsford, L.C.**, on February 9th, 1840 Services were held in the church and 44 persons confirmed. The state of the Rev. Thos. Johnson's health has compelled him to discontinue his attendance at some outstations. The inhabitants of **Milton** gave a deplorable account of the destitution of that township. It will form an appendage to Granby when that mission is established.

Hatley, L.C.: Col. Nickle, commander of the Army has given orders that a guard of honour consisting of half a troop would convey me from Waterloo village to Charleston in Hatley. I felt it necessary to decline the honour lest such an escort attending a Minister of the Gospel of Peace would serve to indicate that the Prelacy of the Church of England was supported by the sword. On February 12th, 1840 I journeyed to Hatley about 34 miles from Froste village. The only place of worship we passed was an unfinished building with a spire held between the Universalists and close-Communion Baptists, but the work is at a stand. 31 persons were confirmed in the church at Charleston in Hatley. I thanked Col. Nickle, at his house, in person, for the intended honour of the military escort.

Lennoxville and Sherbrooke. At Lennoxville I spent three days here and it was a busy time. The Parsonage-house is occupied by the Rev. L. and Mrs. Doolittle. Besides an examination of four candidates for ordination—Mr. King, a Schoolmaster of the B.N.A. School Society and a Lay-Reader, who is to succeed the Rev. C. P. Reid at Robinson and Victoria Settlement (near **Bury**); and Mr. Broome; as deacons: and the Rev. Messrs. Willoughby and Dawes, as priests. (The Chief-Justice of the Province gave a favourable opinion on the propriety of ordinations being held elsewhere than in Cathedrals.)

Compton, L. C.: The residents of Compton, who had built a church 20 years before (expecting to have a resident minister, but only having had an afternoon Service, being served from Hatley) made a last application for their long-expected boon. Much, if not everything, would have been lost if I had been obliged to reject it. The authority of the Board of the S.P.G. giving me power to make this an independent station was providentially received at a critical time. The Rev. C. P. Reid who has been familiar with the Americans of our township from infancy is adapted to the nature of the charge at Compton. I hope he will be prospered in the execution of the charge and that the Board will approve of the arrangement.

Bury, L. C.: At Robinson in Bury I met a large congregation in the chief settlement of the Land Company, assembled in the Company's schoolhouse. Mr. Reid has been assisted by Mr. Broome in some of these settlements. The troubles of the country have been impeded by the Land Co. The missions of the S.P.G. are a blessing in such places. The B.N.A. School Society supplied the school. The school at Bury is a blessing indeed.

Brompton, L. C.: 19th February, 1840, I made arrangements with Mr. Lloyd, a very pious half-pay officer of the Navy, to supply Mr. King's place at Brompton as lay-reader.

Durham, L. C.: Mr. Slack who had brought me from Eaton (where I had confirmed 14 persons in church) drove me 23 miles to the house of the Rev. C. B. Fleming in Melbourne where I confirmed 29 in the church at Shipton, on the opposite side of St. Francis River, (Richmond), and I also preached in the schoolhouse in the Gallup District. The church in Durham, 6 miles below his residence, was now ready for consecration and on 22nd February, 1840, I consecrated it. It is capable of accommodating 250 and is a wooden building.

Kingsey, L. C.: I went on to the residence of Capt. Cox 6 miles from Durham Church in the new mission of Kingsey (Rev. Richard Lonsdell) for the erection of a church in which, as well as a parsonage house, he has made great exertions. There had been contention upon the subject of the site of the house of God. I prepared the people to abide by my own decision. 27 persons were confirmed in a schoolhouse. Capt. Cox drove me to the settlements in the rear where Mr. Lonsdell preaches every Sunday afternoon. (S.P.G. Report, 1841.)

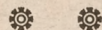
Richmond, U.C.: The Rev. R. B. Rogers reports that his Rectory or Parish is styled the 1st Rectory in the Township of Goulburn, that it is 20 miles from Kemptville, 15 miles from Franktown, 24 from Carleton Place, 20 from March and 20 from Bytown, so that few districts are apparently better supplied, yet how imperfect is that supply . . . I visit five stations every month. There are 950 members of the Church in the 10 square miles of the township. The township of Marlborough (to a distance of 9 miles) and of Nepean (to a distance of 12 miles) depends also on my ministry. Long Island on the Rideau is an adjunct to my parish. Gloucester is the next township to Nepean. From hence to Williamsburgh is 50 miles in a direct line though I believe no road exists. Through the whole extent is not a single clergyman.

Franktown Rectory, U. C.: The Rev. J. Padfield reports five stations besides the parish church. He has but recently come. Montague is thickly settled with church population. At **Smith's Falls** in Elmsely township a good congregation could be formed, the inhabitants being desirous of enjoying the blessing of a clergyman settled amongst them, are willing to contribute and contemplate commencing a church without delay. Services are held in a house belonging to Ordinance Dept.

L'Original, U. C.: The Ottawa District consists of 10 townships and is 60 miles in length and yet not a single resident clergyman . . . occasionally the nearest point is visited by Rev. Mr. Abbott of Grenville and St. Andrew's. L'Original is the District Town where a missionary might make his headquarters. A church is already erected and many of our communicants are to be found there. (U. C. Travelling Mission Fund, 1839 Report.)

U. C. Clergy Reserves: Lord John Russell to Sir C. P. Thomson, 20th March, 1840, acknowledging receipt of Bishop of Toronto's Address to the Diocese, urging Clergy and Laity to protest against the Clergy Reserves Bill and ex-

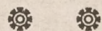
pressing his surprise and disappointment at the Bishop's proceedings, and his satisfaction at the degree of support the bill was receiving from all classes. (Public Archives, G. 46.)



Diocese of Montreal

A helpful Missionary Morning for the Clergy was held at the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal; it began with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and ended with lunch at 1 p.m. Papers were read by the Rev. F. H. Wilkinson and the Rev. Kenneth Naylor.

A special Missionary Service for men was held on a Sunday afternoon at Christ Church Cathedral; the preacher was Bishop Fleming of the Arctic.



Diocese of Saskatchewan

The Rt. Rev. Henry D. Martin, Bishop, visited the parish of Birch Hills on Sunday, January 21st to administer the rite of Confirmation. The first Service was held at Waiteville, some 10 miles southeast of Birch Hills, at 11 a.m. The church was filled, many men having to stand up. The Incumbent, the Rev. S. H. J. Jarvis presented ten candidates, six young women and four young men. Returning to Birch Hills the Bishop and Mrs. Martin were the guests of the minister's warden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward, for lunch. After lunch the journey was made to Brancepeth, eight miles east for another Service of Confirmation where quite a large congregation had gathered to meet the Bishop and Mrs. Martin. The Bishop had visited this point on September 1st last, when 27 candidates were presented for Confirmation. Six more were presented at this Service, five women and one man. Returning again to Birch Hills the Bishop and Mrs. Martin were the guests of the People's Warden and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnston, for supper. At 7.30 p.m. another Service of Confirmation was held in St. Mary's Church when twelve candidates were presented. The church was filled and the Service made a fitting climax to what had been a very wonderful day, weather conditions making travel by car possible.

After the evening Service, about 70 people gathered at the parsonage for a reception for the Bishop and Mrs. Martin. The Rev. B. Rice of the United Church and the Rev. A. Lerseth of the Lutheran Church attended and welcomed the Bishop and Mrs. Martin on behalf of their congregations. Mr. J. R. Taylor, M.L.A., for the constituency of Kinistino, came to welcome the visitors whilst Mr. W. J. Johnson welcomed them on behalf of the Birch Hills congregation.

Mrs. Martin addressed the Sunday School at Birch Hills on Sunday morning, and after the evening Service, she presented the badges that had been won by six girls of the Girls' Auxiliary of the W.A. by passing the examination for the Home Nursing Course. The Bishop and Mrs. Martin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Goodman during their visit to the Parish of Birch Hills.

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Diocese of Athabasca

Yellowknife. Last night we held our annual meeting in the church. I gave notice of it two weeks ago. We had a social hour and three co-workers were elected. The officers' names are as follows: E. Alleman, Minister's Warden; E. MacQueen, People's Warden, and Carl Goos, secretary-treasurer. I have invited them to my cabin Friday night for a meeting at which we will estimate the value of our church property and get it insured. I am very thankful for this small organized group, and I am endeavouring to do the same at the Consolidated Mine where I hold classes and Services every Sunday. Apportionments paid in full. Christmas eve Services were very well attended.

School of Evangelism

A School of Evangelism, along with special Evangelistic Missions, will be held in the Diocese of Athabasca at Peace River, July 7th to July 14th, inclusive. Three and possibly four outstanding clergymen who have had special training and experience in the work of Evangelists are coming from the Diocese of Toronto. The two Sundays the special Missioners will speak in Parishes throughout the Diocese and also during the week, while the school of Evangelism will be held in the mornings and afternoons from Tuesday to Friday inclusive. Provision will be made for all clergy to attend. Further details will be communicated to clergy. The Mission will be without cost to the clergy.

Please begin now to pray for God's blessing upon these plans.

At a Service for children of all nations held in All Saints' Church, Athabasca Landing, about 150 children, who came from seven school districts, assembled to hear Archdeacon Little tell the Christmas story with coloured pictures on the screen.

A special feature was the rendering of carols by the children themselves. A choir of Ukrainian children sang tunefully in their native tongue, while Polish girls sang their hymns in the Polish language. They accompanied themselves on mandolin, guitar and violin.

Our congratulations to Donald Lennie, who this week was awarded the Governor General's medal for having obtained the highest average of any student in the Athabasca Inspectorate in passing the High School entrance examination. Don, no doubt, is thankful for the opportunity afforded him through the Bishop Young Hostel to attend the town school, whose facilities helped him to win this honour. The Hostel sponsors are gratified that Don responded in such a fine way.

Note: The Bishop Young Hostel at Athabasca Landing is the result of a vision and of energetic work on the part of Archdeacon and Mrs. Little.

THE CHURCH BIBLE AND PRAYER-BOOK SOCIETY

The forty-first annual meeting of the Church Bible and Prayer-Book Society was held in Toronto on January 22nd, with His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Toronto presiding.

The Directors' Report showed that during the past year 61 Grants had been made for use in 18 Dioceses, involving a distribution of 1,806 books. Seven grants were made to Indian Missions; 2 to the work of the "Sunday School by Post"; 4 to Social Welfare Institutions; and the balance to Missions from British Columbia to New Brunswick. 80 congregations, at least, were benefitted by these grants, besides the work of the "S. S. by Post" in 2 Dioceses.

For forty-one years the Society has been giving encouragement and help to struggling congregations in this vast Dominion, and has made no less than 2,740 grants at an expenditure of \$40,377.67. In view of the straitened circumstances with which so many parishes are faced the appeals for assistance are numerous, so the Directors hope that contributors will be as generous as possible again this year.

In addition to the 61 grants of new books made in 1939 the Society was able to arrange for the distribution of 1,501 used books donated by congregations, schools and individuals upon the introduction of the new Hymnal. The Society sincerely thanks all those who contributed their books and assures them that their gifts have brought much joy to many needy congregations. At least 1,150 more books in good condition are needed to fill all the appeals on hand, and it is hoped that further offerings will be forthcoming without delay. Those willing to help are asked to notify the Rev. C. Carpenter as to the number, and kind, of books they can supply.

FORWARD—DAY BY DAY

The first issue of the Canadian "Forward—day by day"—the Easter number will be ready shortly.

The Executive Council of General Synod at its meeting in Winnipeg in November sanctioned the circulation of this booklet by the Editorial and Supplies' Department of the G.B.R.E. The Primate has kindly written a commendation for the first issue which will be a double number and will sell for 5c. for five or less, and 4½c. in quantities.

This booklet is greatly prized by those who have used it either since its first publication or for a shorter period. Its daily comment is short and simple; it relates the Bible message to the daily life of the reader and builds up Christian character. Its regular use will do for Canadians what the seven million already circulated in the United States are doing for Church members there. It has been prepared on the principle of dependence on God, dependence on one another and unity and fellowship among Church people.

"Forward—day by day" is published at regular intervals each year. There are issues for Epiphany-Pre Lent, Lent, Easter, Trinity (summer), Late Trinity and Advent-Christmas. These should be ordered through the G.B.R.E. If you have not seen this valuable booklet, send for a free sample before sending your order which will link you with ten thousand Canadians now following this system in reading and meditating on God's word.

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Special prayer was offered by the Rector for His Majesty's Forces—after which and a cup of tea, the members were busy with rehearsal for the coming Great Minstrel Show—sometime after Lent.

Choir

Members of the Choir wish to extend their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke for the pleasant evening spent in their home on February 3rd. Various games were played, followed by a lovely lunch and a sing-song.

The choir is planning a Whist Drive for Easter Tuesday.

St. Hilda's Guild

Mavis Robinson was admitted as a member of the Guild at a special service. After the initiation the members had a tea party at which Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Swaffield and Mr. Buchanan were guests.

Two Scrap Books are being made for the hospitals and we expect to start work soon in preparation for the Bazaar.

St. Michael and All Angels

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Circle was held on January 31st. Mrs. Philips was re-elected President and Mrs. Bennett became Vice-President; Mrs. C. J. Adams was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer; Social Convenors, Mrs. Allanack and Mrs. McInnes; Font Roll, Mrs. Delany.

During the session a presentation was made to Mrs. Delany who has moved to another part of the city.

Miss Walker, who at one time was a Church Worker at St. Michael's, still remembers her old friends and never fails to write a much appreciated letter, enclosing a cheque for St. Michael's Church.

ASHMONT AND DISTRICT

THE REV. W. DEV. ANGUS HUNT

The awful solemnity of the approaching Holy Week is further increased for us this year by the present agony of a world which, as a whole, refuses to accept Christ as King, and persists in its allegiance to Satan. To the few who do accept Christ however the Gates of Hell, seemingly so powerful, are seen as already shattered by the victory of triumphant Love. The light of the joy of Easter still shines through the clouds of the sorrow of sin; but it is a light seen only by those who believe that ever fresh shout of confident triumph, "Now is Christ risen from the dead."

On Wednesday, February 21st, Mrs. Chamberlain visited Ashmont to reorganize the local W.A. which has been defunct for a long while. Mrs. Chamberlain spoke to the whole congregation at the mid-week Lenten Service on the work and aims of the W.A.; and afterwards met the women of the congregation in the Vicarage. All present at this meeting were in favor of re-forming the local branch. The Vicar took the chair and the meeting proceeded to elect its officers. These are as follows: President, Mrs. A. J. Ashdown; Vice-President, Mrs. D. Woodlock; Secretary, Mrs. H. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Hellinger.

Religious Instruction is now being given by the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf Workers in three of the local schools: Old Ashmont, Floating Stone Lake, and Duck Lake. Arrangements are being made to hold monthly services at Duck Lake and Boyne Lake if the response at those points warrants them.

A successful Pancake Supper and Entertainment was held in the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday.

Judging by the rate at which the pancakes vanished everybody thoroughly enjoyed them. Their digestion was aided by Community Singing, and by laughter consequent on a domestic embroilment in high society as portrayed in "The Eternal Triangle."

At Floating Stone Lake School there are small but active groups of Guides, Scouts, Brownies and Cubs which include all the School children as well as some older ones. Owing to a scarcity of leaders all meet at the same time once a week under captaincy of Miss Bee. As all the children are very keen this unique combination works well and shows what can be accomplished in a remote rural area under difficult circumstances.

ST. MARK'S

THE REV. P. A. RICKARD

The Girl Guides, under the leadership of Miss R. Davy, entertained their friends at a delightful sleigh riding party. Games and lunch were enjoyed in the Parish Hall after.

On Thursday, February 15th, the young ladies of the Parish met at the home of Miss L. Simons to organize "The Young Women's Group of St. Mark's." Under the leadership of Rev. P. A. Rickard a constitution was drawn up and the following officers were elected: Hon. President, Mrs. P. A. Rickard; President, Mrs. F. Haden; Vice-President, Mrs. L. Kay; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss B. Haden.

The object of the group is to assist the church financially.

Discussions were held and the meeting closed with prayer. Lunch was served by the hostess.

On Tuesday (last) the W.A. sponsored a sleigh riding party. H. J. Marks furnished the sleighs and a delightful time was had by all. After the ride, community singing and lunch was enjoyed in the Parish Hall. The community singing was directed by Mr. B. Bladon.

A very successful Valentines' Tea was held at the home of Mrs. C. Brown. (Sale of Home Cooking and Silver Tea.)

The members of the W.A. wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Brown in lending her home for the tea.

About 35 members of the Church, W.A. and Parish, visited the E.C.B. on February the 8th. A very interesting afternoon was enjoyed by all, the members of the Bakery explained their different methods of cooking.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON

THE REV. C. G. AUSTIN

Some fifty parishioners of St. Mary's Church of England in attendance at the annual Church meeting held in the Alberta Hotel on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31st, were most agreeably surprised and gratified to learn from the People's Warden, Sergt. W. Warke, that the financial year closed leaving the Church entirely free from indebtedness. This was an unprecedented accomplishment and one that prompted a most hearty vote of thanks to Sergt. Warke, to whose efforts the splendid showing was largely due.

An equally commendable report covering the activities of the Women's Auxiliary was submitted

by the President, Mrs. A. W. Fraser, together with financial statement by the treasurer, Mrs. J. Fitzallen.

Peggy Hayter reported for the Junior W.A., an organization which although only recently formed, has brought a number of the 'teen age girls of the congregation into close association with Church work. Both she and Mrs. Jack Rogers, who reported for the "Little Helpers" were warmly thanked for their splendid contribution to Parish uplift.

Mr. Austin took occasion to express appreciation of the services of Mr. T. M. Bennett through whose assistance it has been possible to carry regular services, all of which was warmly endorsed by those present.

After reading a written report on the Sunday School, submitted by Mrs. Wm. Turner, who was unfortunately unable to be present, Mrs. Austin described the Sunday School as the "Nursery" of the Church and stressed its importance from this as well as other angles.

Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Lay Delegates, Messrs. Bennet and Hinde; People's Warden, Sergt. W. Warke; Rector's Warden, J. Fitzallen; Vestry, Mrs. Fraser together with another lady to be appointed by the W.A., and Messrs. Hayter, J. Rogers, Ellerton, Hughes, Hinde, R. W. Simpson, Dr. Kendal, A. Jones and T. M. Bennett.

After the close of the meeting, refreshments were served, and a congenial half hour was spent in community singing.

ST. THOMAS', WAINWRIGHT; ST. MARY'S, IRMA; ST. MARGARET'S DISTRICT; BATTLE HEIGHTS

THE REV. ROLLO BOAS

News from this corner of the Diocese, by force of weather conditions, will be centered around the Parish of St. Thomas' and St. Mary's. As yet there have been no winter services at Battle Heights, but the W.A. is still very much alive and functioning. At their last meeting the full attendance was recorded despite the heavy snowfall of the last few days. Plans are in full swing for an adequate representation from this branch to the Convention. The whole parish of Wainwright will be well represented at this gathering. There should be, at least nine or ten ladies from the three points in this parish. The W.A. annual means a lot to the country points. It is their supreme opportunity to get right into the "swim" of the great work that is being done by this Dominion-wide organization. In all, it makes for a "transfusion" of new interest and enthusiasm in the local branch.

Not only in the W.A. will there have been such an inflow of new life, for the A.Y.P.A. is still feeling the good affects of the visit from eleven "Y.P.Aers" from Edmonton. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a full account of this week-end rally. Any sacrifice that was made to make this possible was more than worth it. We are seeing very clearly that the needs of most smaller and isolated organizations is, a definite infusion from the bigger part to which we belong. When we visit our bigger organizations and are visited by them, we see our greater responsibility to the wider circle; and also, we see the strength and value of that which we often call small and insignificant in our own branch. The visit to the A.Y.P.A. annual and the visit of the delegation from Edmonton has

shown us all this and more. I wonder if the need of the same is not very pointed in our parishes as a whole. Deanery meetings, which would include more representation should be encouraged and enlarged to include the young people's and adult branches of our work. What about the possibility of W.A., A.Y.P.A., C.B.L. and the girls' organizations having deanery gatherings?

The annual meeting at Irma was delayed, because of a scarlet fever scare. The officers for the new year for this parish, are as follows: Rector's Warden, Mr. P. Jones; People's Warden, Mr. F. Thurston.

The Irma congregation faced the year's objectives in a resolute way. Their interest at the annual meeting showed a real desire to meet the needs of this year, as well as possible. The interest and support of the other Anglicans of the district was seen as a very necessary part of our ability to meet this year's responsibilities. Towards that end the Rector has been making regular calls in the parish on his Tuesday visit to the Irma district. Our mid-week Sunday School still persists. We face the difficulties of any Sunday School, which meets during the week; but the results to date are such to encourage us to carry on.

Towards a greater parish consciousness, the congregation at Irma rented the Hedley Hall and gathered together its numbers for a social. We welcome any means whereby our people are made more conscious of their common bond and interest in one another, under the name of Christ and His church.

The Confirmation Classes at Wainwright have begun. There will be quite a number of young people and adults in this class. We are planning to have the Bishop visit us in May, with the view of Confirmation. To anyone outside this part of the parish who particularly wishes to be Confirmed this spring, special arrangements can be made to include you in this class.

The former A.Y.P.A. president, and present Sunday School secretary-treasurer, comes to the foreground in the news by taking unto himself a wife. Mr. Bill Fraser, of Wainwright, was married to Miss Charlotte Payne, who has been living with Rev. and Mrs. Boas. Again we wish them all happiness in their life together.

The parish of Wainwright has gained permission to use the military armories for boys' work. This is a great help, as this work has been standing in abeyance just because of the lack of an adequate meeting place. The Rector is forming a Church Boys' League with the junior boys, and a boys' club of the older boys. This need met now enables us to meet the needs of mid-week work with every age of our boys and girls. More news will follow as our group carries out its program.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. NORMAN BURGOMASTER

The Senicr W.A. held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Sinclair on February 1st with nine members and three visitors present. Rev. Burgomaster was also present and was greatly interested in our work. Revenue from dues, Sunshine Bags, donations and Travelling Basket receipts amounted to ten dollars at the meeting. Among other business, arrangements were made for a Whist and Bridge Drive to be held in the Church hall on Monday, February 5th. Owing to counter attractions the attendance was not as large as anticipated, but the results were very worthwhile and a happy evening was enjoyed.

In the World Day of Prayer observances it is customary here to hold the service in the Anglican or United Church. This year it was held on February 9th at the latter church. The devotionals were led by Mrs. Stinson and the address was given by Rev. Mrs. Allen, and prayers were taken by various other ladies of the Missionary Society of the United Church. Those assisting in the prayers from the Anglican Church were Mesdames Barden and Baptist and Miss Edith Robinson, while Mrs. McCarthy played the hymns.

The Junior W.A. meetings were held on January 27th, February 3rd, February 8th, February 17th and February 24th. The Memory Work has been completed, and the Study Book finished for the second time, and we are again reviewing it. We are hoping to finish the embroidery cloths during the next week. Attendance has been excellent.

Services have been held regularly. Ash Wednesday was observed here—a special service was held at 7.30 p.m. Lenten services are being held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Sunday School has been resumed at Lindbrook. Rev. Burgo-master taking this every Monday afternoon after school.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

ST. MARK'S, HARDISTY

THE REV. P. J. DISNEY

A notable and very pleasing feature of our church life recently has been the increased interest and attendance of young people, and particularly of young men. At one recent service, seventy per cent of the congregation consisted of young people between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five. At the annual meeting three young men were elected to the Vestry, namely: Messrs. Harry Saville, Jack Trupp and Warwick Squires. These and other young men have assisted readily and efficiently in ushering and in other duties. The zeal of these younger men and women is a challenge to the older ones to back them up with their own continued support and attendance. The thought that dominated the recent A.Y.P.A. Conference in Edmonton, how to build the church of tomorrow in the hearts of the youth of today, is pertinent to the whole future of the Church of England in Canada. It may be the property of old age to dream dreams; it certainly is the property of youth to see visions. If youth is not gripped with the vision of the church as it might be, how can we ever build up the body of Christ in Canada's good and pleasant land?

The special Monday evening services will be continued for the rest of Lent. So far the attendance, whilst not quite as great as one would like it to have been, has been constant, and seems to have shown a slight improvement over last year. On Good Friday there will be a service at 11 a.m. On Easter Day there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion (choral) at 8 a.m., and Evensong at 7.30 p.m. Easter is early, which means there is quite a possibility of cold weather but we ask church people to let nothing, short of sickness or absolute necessity to keep them away from church on this festival of festivals.

We regret very much that our W.A. secretary, Mrs. Thomas, has been forced to resign on account of ill-health, and will shortly be leaving Hardisty. Our thoughts and our prayers will go with her. The W.A. hope to be represented at the Diocesan Convention in Edmonton.

HOLY TRINITY, HUGHENDEN

THE REV. P. J. DISNEY

A study of the records shows that for many years congregations have dropped to the lowest numbers of the year in January and February. This year they have shown the usual tendency. We would remind those country members who have not got in how very hard it is to carry on without going behind financially at this season of the year. An unfair strain is put on those faithful ones who do manage to keep up their attendance year in, year out. Could not a special effort be made at the Easter services to make good the deficiencies that have accumulated? After all, winter or summer, fair or shine, God's work has to go on. Unfortunately, it cannot go on without money. One does not want to talk about money too much; prayer and devotion to the way of Jesus Christ are the important things, and no doubt if we were as steadfast in these things as we ought to be, the other difficulties would be solved. But we do show what kind of Christian stewards we are by the way we respond to our financial obligations. Let us render a good account of our stewardship.

Just at present, the question of stewardship is rather much to the fore, with the special appeal of the M.S.C.C. for \$50,000. In a place like Hughenden, where only by struggle and sacrifice is the church kept going at all, the question is naturally asked, "Why appeal to us? We have always met our obligations and paid our apportionment; why should we have to pay out because someone else did not manage to pay what they ought to have paid?" The only answer is, that the appeal has come, and we owe it in loyalty to the whole church, of which we are a part, to do our bit. At the same time, one cannot help asking whether the church in the larger centres cares for the small mission church as it should. Even from their own point of view, is it not a matter of vital importance to the church in larger places to do a little more than they have done? An American authority tells us that "in view of the fact that nearly one-half of the farm children come eventually to the town or city, towns and cities have a very real interest in the way in which a large segment of their future population gets started in life." In Canada also the cities and towns are constantly recruiting their populations from the country. So far as the church is concerned, a very important element of the potential future congregation is at present in the small mission parishes. If they are deprived of the church in the country today, they will not be inside the churches in the cities tomorrow.

A few people have turned out every Wednesday for the Lenten services. On Good Friday there will be a service at 7.30 p.m. On Easter Day there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 a.m., and Matins at 11 a.m. We hope to see everybody out on Easter; and we do ask for a better observance of Good Friday than last year.

We hope to see the W.A. well represented at Edmonton again this year.

ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

Easter

Easter brings a message of peace peculiarly its own. Different to that of Christmas. Deeper, more precious, possibly because there is the agony of Good Friday behind it. A peace born out of suffering has qualities which the world can neither give nor take away, whose roots are fixed firmly to the strong personality of a Christ Who knows all about it. It is not sombre or apathetic, but vital, with a splendor too radiant to permit smugness. The message of Easter is one of Life, even though it be in the midst of Death, Life more abundant, lived in harmony with the glorious Will of God.

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

On the 29th January we held our Annual Congregational Meeting. One felt that those who came, were there because they were really interested.

Financial reports were read, and every organization was found to be in a healthy state financially. Rev. Wallis presided, and thanked all officers, members and friends for their loyal support.

In speaking his few words, our Rector mentioned that much had happened in 1939, and much more may happen in 1940, things to draw our minds from the Church. If we are wise, we will know that whatever comes, our minds are safer in the Church's keeping than anywhere else.

In the midst of tumult and chaos, was there ever a more sane Figure than that of Jesus! Amidst faces distorted with hate, amidst the rabble that Figure still stands, in His eyes a pity too deep for words, waiting for a moment when He can be heard. Our only Hope.

Some of the things we hoped for in 1939 have matured, some need still more earnest prayers and endeavors. Come to Church, help us to "live more nearly as we pray." Where we have fallen short, come and help us to fulfill.

We stood in silence for a while, remembering Bishop Gray, Mrs. Nash, and Mr. Rowsell.

Elections of officers: Rector's Warden, Dr. H. B. Ness; People's Warden and Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Grafton; Members of Vestry, Messrs. Chas. McDonald, Gordon Burrows, Frank Nash, Jack Studholme; Mr. Grafton and Mr. McDonald were elected delegates to Synod.

After the business meeting, a happy time was spent socially, the W.A. serving lunch.

A "left-over" from the last W.A. notes. Mrs. Murrant was not able to be at the annual meeting, but we have ascertained since that she is willing to be "Little Helpers" Secretary again—thank you, Mrs. Murrant.

A.Y.P.A. Devotional Meeting, when some of the young people gave short talks, and the Rector read from an interesting book.

On Monday, 19th February, they had a Skating Party, finishing up with a Social at the Rectory. Much enjoyed.

IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

Of outstanding interest during the past month was the fire which broke out as the result of an over-heated stove in the small Vestry adjoining the Chancel. Considerable damage was done to the interior of the Chancel, and much smoke and water damage to the Church, but, happily, the fire brigade came to the rescue before any real damage had been done to the Church building.

A number of valuable frontals, some brought from England last summer by the Rector, were destroyed or spoiled, and the Choir robes were also burned. Fortunately the building and contents were insured, and we have great hopes of repairing and renovating our Church so that it will be a matter of pride and glory to us all.

The Vestry met almost daily for the first six days after the fire, and the congregation met at the close of Evensong last Sunday to hear the plans for the renewal of the Church interior.

The W.A. and Sanctuary Guild also had special meetings to consider immediate action.

Meanwhile services are being held in the parish hall. We anticipate that work will commence on the Church this week.

The Sanctuary Guild held a Tea at the home of Mrs. Adams which was well patronized. The W.A. plan to hold a special Tea in the immediate future to meet with the response of so many of our friends of other churches who are anxious to show their sympathy and help.

We are glad to report the organization of the Junior W.A. under the leadership of Mrs. A. Burke and Mrs. A. Grange.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

The Vestry of St. Mary's met at the Rectory and again discussed the matter of completely re-decorating the Church. We hope to make more definite arrangements at our next meeting so that, if possible, this work may be completed before our Easter Festival.

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Gordon with one of the largest attendances on record. The W.A. usually hold a St. Patrick's Tea, and this year it will take place on March 16th in Reid's Hall.

The Sanctuary Guild also plans a tea early in April.

The World's Day of Payer Service took place in our Church this year, and was led by our W.A. President, Mrs. C. Healing.

The A.Y.P.A. and Junior W.A. continue to meet regularly, with good attendances and keen interest.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

The annual meeting of this parish was held Sunday, January 28th, immediately following the afternoon service.

Very satisfactory reports were presented for the Church, W.A. and Sunday School. The report for the Church was read by the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayfield; Mrs. E. R. Ochsner gave the one for the W.A.; Miss Ruth Lomas for the Sunday School, and Mr. J. G. Baker presented a report for the Bible Society.

The Rector thanked Mr. Baker, the lay-reader, the wardens, secretary-treasurer, organists, and all others who had helped to carry on the church's work.

Mr. C. T. C. Roper was re-appointed Rector's Warden, and Mr. Merton Butcher was re-elected People's Warden. The members of the Vestry are Mrs. E. R. Ochsner, Mrs. C. T. C. Roper, Mr. E. W. Briggs, Mr. Geo. Butcher, Mr. Wm. Ramsell and Mr. A. Birchall. Delegates to Synod are Mr. J. G. Baker and Mr. C. T. C. Roper.

There was a rather small attendance at the World Day of Prayer Service, but those who did come thought it was well worthwhile, and were

glad to think they were a tiny link in the great chain of prayer.

The Rector has commenced the training of a Junior Choir, and it is hoped this venture will be most successful.

LEDUC AND MILLET

THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

The mid-week Lenten Services held each Wednesday evening at St. Paul's have been well attended; it is good to see so many remembering the Season in this way. These services have been held in the afternoon at St. John's and we were glad to see the response made to these too.

Easter will soon be here and that glorious Festival which means so much to us all should have a particular appeal in War time. The times of the services will be announced later as soon as arrangements are completed.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Garth Walker, delegate to the Amsterdam Youth Conference of July last to both Churches on 3rd March.

Lantern slides on a trip around the world were shown to the Junior W.A. and Cubs on Monday, 19th February and this was an event that both groups appreciated. The J.W.A. and Cubs are both "going strong."

The A.Y.P.A. of St. John's have held many interesting meetings this winter and among them has been "The Story of the Reformation" in a series of lantern pictures shown by Archie Bowker which has been particularly helpful.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

THE WABAMUN MISSION

THE REV. C. CUTELL

Here are a few facts about the Wabamun Mission. **Area.**—The mission covers approximately 1,250 square miles of territory.

Its boundaries are roughly: The Saskatchewan River on the south, an imaginary line drawn a little south of Lac Ste. Anne through Darwell to Park Court would mark the northern boundary; to the west, the mission ends wetly in the middle of Chip Lake, which is a few miles west of Wildwood; to the east, Carvel Corner is about as far as we care to go.

In short, think of a rectangle some 50 miles long and 25 miles wide and you have the geographical extent of the Wabamun Mission.

Population.—Meaning of course, church population. A recent census shows 215 families in various stages of attachment. I listed them under such heads as:

1. Churchmen and Communicants (hot).
2. Church of England (not confirmed) (mostly hot).
3. Adherents (attending the services but not Anglicans).
4. Interested (parents having children under instruction).
5. Lapsed (luke-warm or cold).

NOTE—Eastern Orthodox have been grouped with Group No. 1.

Churches.—There are six Churches and eight other points without churches where services are held. Services are maintained on either a two-weekly or monthly basis, with the assistance of a lay-reader.

Religious Education.—As G. K. Chesterton said, there is no such thing as "Secular" education. All true education, within the fullest meaning of the word, is religious.

The Mission priest visits six schools regularly with the approval of teachers and boards. There are further opportunities waiting.

Support.—There are 33 envelope subscribers; i.e., there are 33 families who think the Church important enough to support systematically with their money. There are some that would, but just can't. There are some that could, but just won't. Duffield, Entwistle, Evansburgh and Tomahawk are the points which meet their obligations at the present.

EDSON AND ST. PAUL'S MISSION

THE REV. T. J. MATTHEWS

The annual congregational meeting was held on January 28th, after the evening service and was exceptionally well attended. Reports from the various institutions were read and approved. The new Vestry for this year are: Mr. Bryant, Mr. Caston, Mr. Dobson, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Glover, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Haight, Mr. Hardacre, Mr. Hardwick, Mr. Jellis, Mr. J. Layng, Mr. W. Seamans. The Wardens are: H. Tucker, People's Warden; Mr. G. Grover, Rector's Warden. Delegates to Synod and Deanery are Mr. G. Grover or Mr. W. Jellis, Mr. H. Tucker or Mr. J. W. Gregg.

The ladies of the W.W. are holding sewing meetings during Lent every Thursday. These have been very well attended so far. The Intermediate girls are working on their play. The Junior Girls have had two lessons in First Aid by Yvonne Laurence, and written a test on them. This is part of the new programme arranged for this club.

The Sunday School is picking up again after the series of colds and we have several new scholars.

The last Community Sunday evening was very well attended. There were a couple of numbers sung by the Russians of our town; this was very interesting.

On January 29th Canon Tackaberry addressed the Vestry and some of the W.A. on various points to do with expenditure. This was a very interesting and worthwhile talk and it was a pity more of our members were not present. Mrs. Broughton, however, relayed the substance of his talk to the ladies of the W.A. at the February meeting.

Baptisms.—Glenda Joan Arbuckle, February 18th, Wolf Creek; Robert Scott Brown, February 18th, MacKay.

Marriages.—Nora Jean Dwyer of Edson to Stephen Stupar of Edson, on 8th February.

Agnes Caroline Olson of Peers to Arthur William Bryant of Hattorf on February 15th.

MAYERTHORPE AND DISTRICT

THE REV. CYRIL CLARKE

In order that our people throughout the whole district may have an opportunity to worship together at least once a year, a Service has been arranged for Good Friday evening. The plan has been enthusiastically received in each point—from Stanger to Padstow—and, roads permitting, cars and trucks will be driving to St. Luke's, Mayerthorpe, from Sangudo, Stanger, Greencourt, Padstow, Rochfort Bridge and other points. The Service will commence immediately after the train brings back the Vicar from the Three Hours Devotions at St. Stephen's, Edmonton.

February has been a month of annual parish meetings. Each meeting has been well attended and signs of keen interest have not been lacking. One felt that each congregation is concerned not only with the pressing local problems but also with the needs of the Diocese.

The congregation of **Mayerthorpe** elected its officers after the evening service on February 4th. Mr. C. Watson was elected People's Warden and Mr. S. Martin was appointed Vicar's Warden. Messrs. Chartres, M. Knight, A. Lewis, Cosmo Tindall and Mesdames N. Moore, A. Knight were elected to the Vestry. Mrs. M. Knight was elected parish secretary.

Plans are now underway to raise sufficient funds to take care of the very necessary repairs to the basement of the church. Already a small sum has been given to the wardens but much more will be needed before the completion of the work.

There are still a number of boxes containing envelopes waiting to be claimed by those who look the the Church for Ministrations.

At recent meetings of the Senior and Junior W.A.'s delegates were chosen to attend the annual convention. Mrs. A. A. Knight, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Lewis will represent the Senior W.A., whilst Mrs. M. Knight will represent the Junior Branch.

Mrs. N. Cole was recently elected president of the W.A. branch in **Blue Ridge** with Mrs. R. Hodgson as Vice-President and Mrs. L. Roberts as Secretary-Treasurer.

Parish meetings have also been held in **Sanguo and Padstow**. Major C. Ovens and Mr. Walker are the Wardens at the former; Mr. Payne and Mr. Underwood at the latter Mission point. Mr. Herd, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Allan were elected to the Vestry in Sanguo.

The envelope system has been introduced at **Rochfort Bridge** with the result that offertories have been doubled. There have been steadily increasing congregations during the winter months. Services are held in the village hall but we hope that the day will come when we shall have a small place of worship of our own.

Space will not allow for mentioning the excellent work done with the children in **Greencourt** or for the quiet work being done by the W.A. in **Stanger**. This must be told some other time.

The Rural Deanery of Vermilion

MANVILLE MISSION

THE REV. L. A. BRALANT

We have had our annual meetings at Chailey, Stellaville and Manville, and officers for the ensuing year have been elected. In most cases they remain as last year, though at Stellaville we welcome a new Peoples' Warden in the person of Mr. L. Coe.

As in other parishes we face new problems with the coming of War, but we are endeavoring to face them with Christian confidence and in the strength of Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST." During Lent a series of addresses on practical prayer is being given each Sunday evening. The "need of the hour" we feel, is that Christian people everywhere should be more faithful in the exercise of this great privilege, and the talks are designed to stimulate real individual prayer.

Our Manville W.A. is busy, as usual, and have already helped us financially with proceeds derived from catering. They are studying the booklet, "With One Accord." This year.

The continued mild weather has enabled services to be carried on regularly at all out-stations except Tankerton. Extensive visiting in the Stellaville and Wilberforce districts has also been possible. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His blessing upon us, and enabling the work to be carried on without hindrance.

CLANDONALD, LANDONVILLE, IRWINVILLE

THE REV. R. S. FAULKS

Interesting and encouraging annual meetings were held in all three parishes, at the beginning of the year. Interesting because so may made it their business to participate in the meetings and the discussions. Encouraging because events pointed to a disheartening conclusion to the year's work, whereas the contrary turned out to be the actual state. Obligations have been met, and notably the apportionment properly handled.

Landonville anticipates paying off the final sum on the church this year. Clandonald hopes that the need of painting church and vicarage may be accomplished this year. Irwinville will probably be installed in the completely completed church by Easter. At all points the W.A. members are doing good work as members of the church, as W.A. members, and as having charge of the special needs of each parish. The interest of the young people is evident at all points too. Last fall, in Clandonald, a Young People's Group was formed. Meetings have been held every two weeks with an average attendance of 40. Mr. Harold White is President, Miss Margaret Chalmers, Vice-President and Mr. Norman Roe as Secretary-Treasurer. Each meeting has a different program committee and a different refreshment committee. By this means everyone helps, and unsuspected talents have been discovered, a help both to the individual and the Group. Last meeting, parents and another Y.P. Group were entertained to a social evening and program, which went over very well with so much new talent.

Sunday, February 25th, found the young people, as a group, in attendance at church, with special address for their help and instruction.

Services at Giddeon Lake and at Tring have been stopped for the time being, but parishioners at these two points will be getting together again when spring comes around again. Meantime with many others they will continue to appreciate the radio services coming to them from churches in the city.

The thanks of the Rev. and Mrs. Faulks goes to all the many kind people, who have expressed such good wishes on the occasion of the birth of their son Eric Alan.



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